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Mixed feelings over road enhancement scheme

PLANS to dramatically transform Weymouth's Dorchester Road into a tree-lined street could be

scaled back after half the people consulted said they were not in favour of it. Details of the possible

by Harry Walton

cut-back on enhancement from Manor Roundabout northwards emerged during a meeting of the Wey Valley PACT group at which speakers included Emma Baker from Dorset

County Council.

The meeting was told that the lukewarm public consultation response meant that county engineers were now working on scaling back the

£940,000 scheme which originally included semi-mature trees, shrubs, on-street parking, cycleways and a reduced road width.

The meeting was told that current thoughts now envision a cycle lane from Manor Roundabout to Wey Valley School, re-

moving parking restrictions south of Littlemoor Road and either a T-junction or a mini roundabout at Littlemoor Road's junction with Dorchester Road.

Planting trees in a central reservation from Manor Roundabout could be scrapped although there might be islands with a tree with less landscaping and a pedestrian island at Manor.

There could be narrowing of wide "bell" junctions at Nottingham Lane and Stottingway Street, more parking around the Village Stores area and the removal of some double line restrictions north of Littlemoor road towards Upwey.

Work on Dorchester Road north of Littlemoor Road could start in spring 2012 with the southern part starting in the autumn after the Olympics because Dorchester Road is seen as an alternative Olympic route.

Those who attended the PACT meeting expressed

concerns about the speed of traffic, the wisdom of removing bus lay-bys and safety for children crossing roads.


The cost of the scheme is ring fenced because the improvements are part of the Weymouth relief road budget and the county council has the money. The original cost announced a year ago was £940,000.

A county council spokesman said: "The works on Dorchester Road aim to enhance the landscape and promote a calm street scene."

"The environmental improvement plans for Dorchester Road are currently being revised following consultation with local residents at the end of last year."

"On-street parking, pedestrian facilities, a cycleway and a review of current road markings are being looked at as part of the revised scheme."

"Further public exhibitions will be held to hear what residents think early next year when the new proposals have been finalised."



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WHEN Lesley Gemmill was asked to take over the Bride Valley Knitting Group in September of this year, she was on the lookout for a project so the group could do more than just knit and natter.

With Christmas on the horizon they decided to knit the Nativity – a “Knitivity” – and after three months of frantically clicking needles, they produced a delightful seasonal addition to the community. Their work was donated to the villages of the Bride Valley and will hopefully become a regular feature of Christmas displays for many years to come. It is currently on show Litton Cheney Village Hall.

Lesley has lived in Litton Cheney for three years. Originally from Burnley in Lancashire, she settled with her family in West Dorset after living and travelling in places across the globe, from Holland to Pakistan.

A garden designer by profession, Lesley is now retired and lives her husband Graeme to whom she has been married for nearly 50 years.



to make a knitted cushion out of British wool for every Olympic competitor, but we're not sure yet, and of course ultimately the group will decide what the next project will be.

■ HOW did you get into knitting in the first place?

I didn't start knitting until I had my children and I knitted their baby clothes. I came back to knitting after the children had grown up. I went trekking in Pakistan and was utterly charmed by the people, who often had little in the way of warm clothing, so I started knitting jumpers for them and sent them out with the trekking company. Then, when I came to Dorset three-years-ago this knitting group was my saving grace and was my way to get involved and get to know people in the village. The knitting group became my stable point. It's my little haven of peace and calm and we meet in such a beautiful spot.

■ WHAT do you get up to when you are not knitting?

I walk, I read and I do the usual country things. I love making food from the free resources we have in our hedgerows, sloe gin, blackberry whiskey, jams, pickles, that sort of thing. I'm very much a 'moors and mountains' person, having been brought up in Lancashire. In fact, that's what attracted me to West Dorset in particular.

■ WHICH three famous people would you like to invite round for Christmas dinner?

Firstly I'd invite Mark Hix. I adore his restaurant in Lyme Regis. Then I'd invite Charles Hazlewood, the musician and conductor. He's made some fascinating programmes about music and really makes it come alive. And then of course, Stephen Fry, because he makes me laugh and he's clever, and I like clever too.

■ CAN you tell us more about the knitting group?

It was founded by Doris Ammerman and Pat Bowcock as a way of encouraging the over 50s to get together. Another lady, Anna Lovell, was instrumental in putting us forward for funding from the Dorset Partnership for Older People Programme. We meet once a fortnight on a Tuesday afternoon at Ourganics, in Litton Cheney. There is a real range of abilities - the good knitters help the beginners.

■ WHAT kind of projects have you knitted for?

We have an ongoing project knitting squares to make disaster blankets. There are unfortunately disasters that happen any time any place and we want to have plenty to send when such times come. If nothing else we will donate them to Shelterbox for example.

■ HOW did you decide who did what for the “Knitivity”?

Well, all the figures are an amalgam of everyone's work. Someone worked on tabards, some on faces or body parts, some did animals like sheep. If you've never knitted a nose or a curly beard it's very interesting. The expressions on the figures came out brilliantly, one of the three kings looks a bit grumpy though. In all about eight people had a hand in it.

■ HAVE you got any other projects in the pipeline?

Nothing specific yet, but we are always open to suggestion. We might take part in a national project that aims

■ SO are all your family and friends getting knitted things from you this Christmas?

Well they did last year, tea cosies, slippers, mug warmers - they were all really fun designs and everyone loved them. A friend of mine keeps an allotment and wanted a trug for Christmas, and I thought 'well, that's a bit plain', so I filled it with a heap of knitted vegetables for him.

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Police search for armed raiders



FOUR men wielding an axe, a knife and a baseball bat have robbed the Esso Garage in Easton Lane on Portland.



By Harry Walton

They struck at 10.55pm on December 12th when they entered the garage and threatened member of staff Victor Mariyanayagam who suffered minor injuries after being repeatedly punched and kicked by the intruders, said police.

Officers added that the robbers then stole cigarettes, tobacco and a quantity of cash although how much money was taken was not being revealed.

Police said that the robbers made off but dropped a large number of the cigarettes and tobacco as they escaped.

They are described as wearing hooded tops and they are believed to be aged in their late teens to early twenties.

A cordon was immediately placed round the garage with large areas of the forecourt taped off and forensic experts were

called in to examine the scene while uniformed police stayed on site to monitor the premises.

Officers have now able to release closed circuit television images – showing four men officers are keen to talk with.

Detective Constable Tracey Cambridge, of

Weymouth CID, said: “We are appealing for witnesses, and anyone with any information about this incident, to contact police as soon as possible.

“We are keen to speak to these four men urgently as they may have information that will assist with the investigation.

“This was a terrifying

ordeal for the member of staff and we are determined to find those responsible.”

Anyone with information should call Dorset Police in confidence on 101 quoting incident number 12:629. Alternatively, call the free and anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111 where mobile phone tariffs may apply.



■ **RAIDERS:** The Esso garage on Portland that was raided and the CCTV images of four men police would like to speak to

Attempted robbery

A WEYMOUTH man was able to scare off two men by shouting out as they threatened him on secluded walkway.

Police say the attempted robbery happened along the paved footpath at the rear of Knightsdale Road near Weymouth swimming pool at around 10.10pm on Wednesday December 7th.

They said the 46-year-old victim shouted out and the offenders made off in the direction of Chickerell Road. Nothing was stolen.

Detective Constable Simon Beare, of Weymouth CID, said: “This was a distressing incident and I would appeal for anyone who witnessed this attempted robbery and anyone who saw people running in the Chickerell Road area shortly after 10.10pm last Wednesday to contact me as soon as possible. All information will be treated in the strictest of confidence.”

The offenders are both described as being five feet five inches to five feet six inches tall. No further description is available.

Witnesses and anyone with information should call Dorset Police in confidence on 101 quoting incident number 7:549 or call the free and anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111.

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New dementia advice service for Dorset

A NEW service to help people with dementia and their carers has been given the go-ahead in Dorset.

The initiative, worth £250,000 is jointly funded by Dorset County Council and Dorset Primary Care Trust and will focus on providing information and advice to people affected by memory loss.

The contract for the service has been awarded to Age UK Dorchester, who will manage the project and ensure anyone affected by dementia will have easy access to care, support and advice following diagnosis.

Di Lawrence, chief officer at Age UK Dorchester, said: "Dementia is one of the biggest challenges we face in the UK today. It currently affects 750,000 people and that number is set to double over the next 30 years as the population ages.

"Contrary to belief, there is a great deal that can be done to help people with dementia and slow down the impact after initial diagnosis.

"We are really pleased to have been awarded the contract for the service which will be up and running by middle of January next year.

"Fifteen memory advisors have already been appointed across

the county to provide surgeries in their locality, promote the project and ensure everyone can benefit from the new service.

Andrew Cattaway, cabinet member for adult social care at Dorset County Council, said: "After receiving a diagnosis, many people with dementia and their families face a challenging future, having to cope with the diagnosis and its prognosis.

"Added to this challenge are problems with navigating the maze of services provided by statutory, private and voluntary agencies.

"Many are not aware of the services and support available to

them and only seek help once the condition has deteriorated, often months or even years later.

"By this point, the person with dementia and the carer are often isolated and cut off from community support previously provided by friends and neighbours and through participation in hobbies and leisure activities.

"The new memory loss service in Dorset will offer much improved arrangements by sign-posting help available and will take advantage of the well-established networks, partnerships, and shared vision between the county council, NHS Dorset, Age UK and other private and voluntary sector providers."



■ NEW SERVICE: (l-r) Sarah Howard (Project Manager for Dementia NHS Dorset), Di Lawrence (Chief Officer, Age UK Dorchester) and Steve Collins (Manager for the new Dementia Service)

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Eco boilers for Olympic homes

by Harry Walton

A BIOMASS heating system has been officially turned on for £13 million worth of homes in Portland's Olympic village at Osprey Quay.

The fuel first at the Officers Field development was switched on by South Dorset MP Richard Drax who then joined other dignitaries in a tour of the village.

The system uses boilers fired by sustainably sourced wood pellets to provide efficient heat and hot water to the homes while cutting carbon output by 55 per cent.

Mr Drax said: "Anything that is non-oil must be good. The whole aim is to move off fossil fuels and it is also in the Olympic spirit to provide an alternative fuel which won't pollute as oil does."

"Here we have an Olympic village which is wood-fuelled. You are doing a marvellous job here."

Sustainability is at the heart of the development which also collects rainwater to flush toilets, for garden use and for washing machines in the scheme

which has 59 homes, 19 of which will go to the Magna Housing Association as affordable housing.

Dorchester developer ZeroC said the rest will be sold with one-bedroom homes starting at £135,000 up to £275,000 for a four-bedroom house.

Weymouth and Portland Mayor Graham Winter said: "I like the idea of wood pellets for heating but, even more so, I like the idea of an incinerator for this area so we can burn waste material, which would otherwise go to landfill, and which at the same time generates heat."

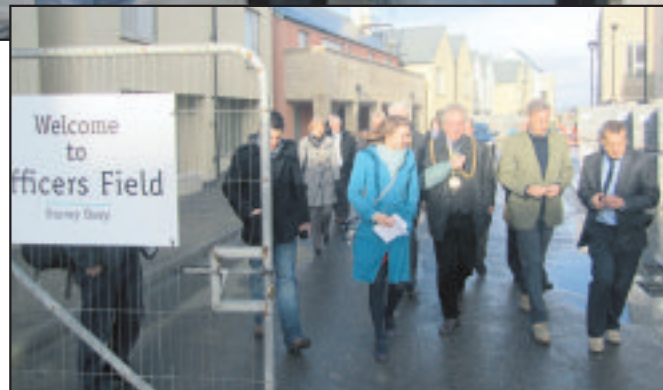
"But that is something way in the future while biomass is actually here on Portland now which is the way to go."

Mr Drax and Mr Winter later led dignitaries and guests on a tour of the site where kitchens have been left out of homes to maximise Olympic bed spaces, athletes eating at a temporary central dining facility. The missing kitchens will be fitted after the Games.

ZeroC project manager Andy Trim had earlier welcomed guests and told



■ SOUTH Dorset MP Richard Drax prepares to cut the opening tape helped by West Dorset District Council vice-chairman Teresa Seall (left), Weymouth and Portland Mayor Graham Winter and Dorset County Council chairman John Wilson and (right) touring the development



them that four tons of wood pellets would last a boiler complex roughly a fortnight.

Sign up for the swim

SWIMMERS are being urged to collect sponsors for their favourite charity ahead of Weymouth's traditional Christmas Day cross-harbour charity swim.

Weymouth Lions president Trevor Stratton said: "The Lions Xmas Day swim has grown from 20 odd - and I mean odd - people taking part when it started to over 200 people last year."

"As a result of this and, because of the ongoing redevelopment of the Harbour Office, we have decided this year to follow last year's successful format."

Key points include registration from 9.30am at the Old Rooms Inn with families or groups which want to swim together being urged to register together.

Lions will not be transporting competitors by boat across the harbour but they will be offering plastic bags and ties for the transport of clothing if competitors don't have friends or family to take them round for them.

The swim will be divided into strict categories with a family fun swim, a competitive swim for juniors limited to 50 competitors with a similar limit for a competitive women's event and an open competitive swim.

A radio controlled PA system will be in use on both sides of the harbour to keep spectators up to speed with what is happening while a "landing beach" courtesy of Pontoonworks Ltd will again be used to make getting out of the water easier and safer.

There will be £5 minimum entry fee with under-16s free which will go to Lions good causes, swimming will start at 11am and details of arrangements, the entry and sponsorship forms are on the Lions website at www.weymouthlions.co.uk.

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by Harry Walton

■ WEYMOUTH and Portland Mayor and Mayoress Graham and Mary Winter join Santas at the start



■ THE Santas warm up ready for the off

Can't catch me, I'm the Christmas pudding!

ATHLETE Ben Westhenry dressed up in a Christmas pudding outfit to be chased along Weymouth Sands by more than 150 Santas.

The fourth year of this traditional eccentric pre-Christmas running event was all in aid of the British Heart Foundation and Ben, 17, had won the honour of being the pudding target by catching the pudding at last year's event.

The Weymouth St Paul's Harrier said: "It was great fun and there were a lot of Santas after me."

The entire field, which also included a motley collection of elves, fairies and even a dog wearing reindeer antlers, was started by Weymouth and Portland Mayor Graham Winter who praised the level of entry.

He said: "A lot of people have given their time and energy for this event which is in aid of a worthy cause."

The first Santa to cross the finish line was Egdon Heath harrier Ben Davis who comes from Preston and he said: "It was a great race because Ben is such a good runner."

Director Mark Steen of organisers Bustinskin said: "We had perfect weather with some glorious sunshine, so different from last year when we had to break ice on the beach to get the flags in!"

BHF fundraising and volunteer manager Neil Jarrett thanked everyone for their efforts and said: "We are very pleased at the response and it was great fun."

The event was hosted by James O'Neill of Wessex FM and all runners were led in a warm-up session by top local fitness instructor Jodie Bateman.



■ CHRISTMAS pudding Ben Westhenry prepares to set off ahead of a pack of Santas

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Crowd turns out for Alf's carol service

by Harry Walton

MORE than 100 people gathered when Alf's fish and chip shop on Chickerell Road, Weymouth, held its annual carol service.

Owners John and Karen Pearce hold their event to say thank-you to the community for supporting their fundraising activities during the year.

John said: "We had Maria Greenwood and James O'Neill from Wessex FM along to switch the Christmas tree lights on, there was carol music from the Salvation Army band and free tea and coffee for all visitors generously supplied by Co-operative Funeral Services. We also had Father Christmas for the children.

"We were delighted at how many people turned up and it was a nice way to get close to Christmas."

Their efforts were praised by Chickerell Mayor Mike Joliffe who said: "I think what Alf's does is great.

"They do a lot for the community and a lot for the elderly, so they are to be commended."



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Appeal for Pie and Pint walkers

ORGANISERS are repeating their appeal for men to sign up for the Pie and A Pint Seasonal Circuit men only sponsored walk.

The event will help to raise funds for patient care and specialist services provided by Weldmar Hospicecare Trust.

The walk starts at 11am on Sunday, January 8th from the Royal Hotel on Weymouth Esplanade with a choice of 6km or 10km walks along the seafront and return.

The registration fee of £15 will include a pie and a pint of beer or lager at the end of the walk after working up a thirst.

Weldmar major events fundraising manager Sue Leighton said she was concerned at the poor number of entries so far and she urged men to sign up for the walk.

She added: "Men need a nudge to get involved but I'm hoping that the ladies will encourage their husbands and partners to take part. Events like this are essential to our fundraising."

Registration forms can be downloaded by visiting www.weld-hospice.org.uk/pieandpint or contacting Sue on 01305 215320. Anyone that does not want to walk but would like to help on the day with registration or marshalling would be most welcome.

Benefits surgery

AGE UK Dorchester and Dorset County Council's Welfare Benefits Team are working together to provide benefits advice and help to older people in West Dorset.

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Dreaming of a Wyke Christmas

by Paul Crompton



■ KIRSTY McSeveney and Kiara Woolmough



■ ALICE Denniss with Santa



■ CONNIE Golby, Councillor Kate Wheller with Jane Golby and Philip Smith

THE blustery and wet weather couldn't dampen the spirits of those who braved the conditions to attend the Wyke Regis' Christmas festival.

Despite visitor numbers falling short of normal organisers said that the event had still raised £1,500.

The annual "I'm dreaming of a Wyke Christmas" event normally attracts around 5,000 visitors and raises up to £2,000 for the village's Memorial Hall and other community projects.

Wyke Regis ward member for Weymouth and Portland Borough Council, Councillor Kate Wheller is the Wyke Christmas Committee chairman.

She said: "In the circumstances it went very well, I don't think we were too badly down on the takings.

"As the afternoon went on more people braved the elements and that was good.

"I was quite pleased really with how it went. We

normally get around 5,000 people through so it obviously didn't compare.

"A number of exhibitors didn't turn up which was disappointing but understandable and I hope they will all come back next year."

Along with a number of stalls dotted around Old Wyke Square was Santa's grotto and a merry-go-round.

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Lights on in Fortuneswell

❑ FIVE-year-old Athena Jones switches on the Christmas lights helped by Jo Peters of the Pennsylvania Castle.

CHRISTMAS lights were turned on at Fortuneswell on Portland in blustery conditions which didn't deter a good crowd.

The switch-on was organised by island community group Revive whose project co-ordinator Yvonne Beven praised everyone for braving the cold.

She said: "We had carols, hot

food, mulled wine and lots of community spirit - and we needed it!

"We would especially like to thank the Pennsylvania Castle for sponsoring the switch-on and Southern Gas Network and Southern Electric for helping us out by digging a pit for our Christmas tree and putting it up."

Among attractions on the night were Island Voices, Chesil Cove choir and illuminations in local businesses.

Underhill town councillor Sandy West said: "Revive did a great job in difficult conditions and the whole island should be grateful to them. I am proud to be part of Revive."

Cakes, carols and Christingle

CAKES, carols and Christingle has been celebrated at Weymouth's Park church community centre.

The event was organised by St John's vicar, the Reverend Tim Greenslade, who said: "This was

by Harry Walton

part of our monthly evening service here, but it was also a special Christmas event.

"Members of the church also

brought along cakes to share with the congregation as part of our Christmas celebrations.

"It was the penultimate event for us before Christmas apart from our big carol service on Christmas Eve."



■ GETTING into the Christmas spirit at the Park church community centre



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■ The One Voice choir

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Camel travellers were followed across the desert sea, angels were recalled in full chorus and the shepherd's arousal and journey to the manger cradle was painted in many vocal colours and rhythms with the joint celebration of the birth of the Christchild revealed in

Spanish, Swahili and Italian with softer sounds from New Zealand, Scotland and Austria.

Current day pilgrims made their way to the local churches in windy and wet conditions to be warmed by the sounds welcoming news from the One Voice choir that, for many, the spirit of Christmas had begun.

Musical direction on both occasions was by Grazina Ellis with

Phil Williams as the accompanist.

The master of ceremonies on Portland was the island's Rotary Club president Stan Knight who was joined by guests including Portland Mayor Ian Munro-Price while the MC in Weymouth was Dr. Huw Llewellyn. Both brought enlightening comments and direction to the events. A DVD recording was made and is available.

Sing-along for Christmas

A CHRISTMAS sing-a-long at Portland's Community 2000 hall embraced popular carols and Christmas songs. Organiser Wilma Butler said it was

the final festive event at the hall before Christmas. She added: "Not everyone wants to go to church, so it was nice to sing carols in an informal atmos-

phere with organist Mike Reynolds. "We also enjoyed mince pies and a glass of sherry while wishing everyone a Happy Christmas."



■ ORGANIST Mike Reynolds leads carols at Portland's Community 2000 hall

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The Christian Column

AS I SEE IT ...

by Geoff Treleven

Season of Advent (5)

A MARVELLOUS thing about Christmas is the fact that many prophecies about the birth of our Lord were fulfilled in such detail. At the time they were made, hundreds of years earlier, some would have appeared unlikely. Yet the result was exactly as foretold.

Because what the scriptures stated was fulfilled so precisely, we need to be aware of what is yet to be. As I have previously said, Advent has a double meaning. The first took place over two thousand years ago. We still await the Second Advent.

A famous song expresses, in a rather light-hearted way, the desire to be in that number of saints when they go marching in. But we need to take this seriously. What concerns me is what happens to those who will not be among them. Jesus has given us promises of His return. He has also given warnings for those who are unprepared.

My seasonal wish to every reader is that you will make sure you are in that number; whenever He returns.

As our Lord Himself said: "So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." (Matthew 24:44)

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■ **HAPPY CHRISTMAS:** Mayor Graham Winter cuts a cake donated to the Veterans' Rendezvous by the Dorset Cake Company

Festive get together for veterans

by Harry Walton

VETERANS enjoying their regular rendezvous in Weymouth Pavilion Ocean Room were able to celebrate with a special Christmas cake and mince pies.

The seasonal tempters had been donated by the Dorset Cake Company and Weymouth and Portland Mayor Graham Winter, who cut the cake, praised their generosity.

He added: "It is nice to see the veterans enjoying themselves and it was great that the Dorset Cake Company was able to support them with this lovely cake."

Among veterans enjoying a slice was Poppy Butcher

who said: "This gesture has been very much appreciated."

She added that during the Second World War she had joined the civil defence on Portland.

Poppy said: "My father was killed in 1940 when the ack-ack ship, the Foylebank, was attacked by German dive bombers."

She added that in the same incident Leading Seaman

Jack Mantle was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross when he continued to fire his gun until he died despite suffering numerous injuries including his left leg being shattered by a bomb.

Poppy said: "When I was 16 I joined the civil defence in 1944.

"I had to man the switchboard on shifts at the Portland council offices, taking calls from where there had been bomb damage and notifying police, fire and ambulance if they were needed."

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Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

Not snow, but salt

DID any driver spot the white Christmas we've been having recently along Portland Beach Road?

If you were caught up in the conditions then you couldn't really fail to spot it because drivers slowly found they couldn't see through their windscreens.

All this white-out was caused not by snow but by salt.

The recent stormy conditions sent waves lashing into Chesil Beach and great plumes of spray drifting over the beach and on to Portland could be seen from several miles away.

Closer to these drifting skeins of seawater it was possible to see a fine moisture slowly building up on your windscreen, but the instant wipers were tentatively used then the salt was smeared across the glass, dried in the wind and instantly turned white.

Everyone uses their windscreen water bottle at some stage, but I found myself having to use it four or five times on a single visit to the island and there is more stormy weather on the way.

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Creating a good impression?

SIMULATED sex scenes in public are rare in Weymouth never mind in busy St Thomas Street during the early afternoon.

So people were stunned when a woman among a group of street people began to engage in a series of highly suggestive actions with one of her "colleagues" in full view of passers by, several of whom challenged what was going on.

Police were called and they arrived in force, moving the group on and taking

down details of the woman at the centre of the incident.

She had been observed drinking from a bottle and its contents may have helped to fuel the incident, but it did nothing to dispel the sense of disbelief among bystanders who variously described it as "disgusting" and "I'm not having that!"

Street people are something of a law unto themselves and, while police moved them on, it was merely switching the problem from one area to another.

There seems to be a growing number of these individuals who can regularly be seen sitting in doorways or out on the street itself at all hours of the day and night.

Providing a solution is the responsibility of local authorities and other agencies and pressure will grow on them the closer we get to the Olympics to do something about a scene which will not portray Weymouth in a good light if it continues.

A great idea - and great furniture

SOME time ago I was sentenced to life as a keen gardener, but everyone like me looking for a bit of remission can get it by relaxing on some wonderful garden furniture.

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real pleasure.

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I have a feeling that what started out as a new idea could soon become a

major success story and I'm getting my orders in this spring.

That will enable me to relax on my new furniture to get in training for the physical demands of the Olympics this summer when I will be competing between two pubs which are very close together in the gymnastics section known as the parallel bars.

Shake hands and forget it

THIS yarn was related to me by a Weymouth man who felt both pensioners should have known better.

They were having a pint and a friendly game of darts when an argument developed which became quite serious.

One pensioner swore blind his scoring was right and the other was equally convinced it was wrong.

The one being challenged apparently tried to justify his mathematical prowess by saying: "Look, I'm adding two odd numbers together aren't I, so it's bound to produce an odd number!"

It seemed that it must be a very odd number indeed - if not impossible - and the other pensioner was having none of it.

What had seemed a game of darts between two friends ended with the board abandoned, pints left half undrunk and both men stalking off to pointedly go their separate ways.

Not much Christmas spirit there then, but the key point is that two men that old have enough experience of life to employ a little give and take rather than find themselves in the familiar dilemma of words said which are much harder to take back.

The question they're probably asking is, do I lose a friend over something as stupid as adding two numbers together or should we try and shake hands and forget it. We'll never know what they eventually decided.



CAREY'S

FURNITURE RETAIL OUTLET LTD

N CAREY who currently run a successful transport business have now expanded and are combining their current business with a new furniture retail outlet called Carey's Furniture Retail Outlet Ltd at Unit 24 on Dreadnought Trading Estate.

Carey's Furniture Retail Outlet Ltd will be offering beds, sofas, chairs, mattresses, cabinets, tables and other home furnishings all at a discounted price in their relaxed showroom.

Some items are end of line clearance, others are slight seconds, bankrupt stock, clearance items, ex-display items and those that have been used in photo shoots for advertisement purposes. Also most items will have a free delivery within a specified local area, (see instore for details).

The owner Nigel Carey said: "We have been involved in handling furniture for many years through our varied services of transport, removals and storage. Our contacts throughout the UK have now grown to the point at which we can provide quality products at affordable prices. With some one-off unique pieces to regular more popular lines. We have created a showroom with a relaxed feel and invite you to come and browse."

Carey's will still be running their original removal and storage business, meeting all of its original customer needs, but rather than just telephone contact, Carey's customers are now offered a more personal one to one service in store. This will continue to include house and office removals, extending to packing if

required, full or part loads, individual items and same day service throughout the UK. Carey's will also continue to provide their popular storage facilities.

All enquiries can be addressed in store or over the telephone on the existing contact numbers 01308 427495 or 07875 344480.

The store will be open Monday to Saturday from 9am to 5pm and Sunday 11am to 3pm. Carey's will be opening its doors on December 24 and invite the public to join them in celebrating their expanding business. They welcome customers old and new.

On the opening day Carey's will be running a competition to win a free tub chair, in a choice of funky colours. Just enter your name and if it is pulled out of the hat at 4pm you can choose between a brown, black or brightly coloured chair to take away, so good luck!!

Nigel adds: "We are extremely excited about the expansion. We have created extra jobs locally and our team now can continue to grow and provide our services even more efficiently. We would like to thank all our customers, regulars and those that have used our service as a one off, and wish them all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, the team look forward to seeing you all in store."



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Achievements throughout the year...



NFRC Roofing Awards 2011

Local specialist roofing company O'Brien Roofing & Leadwork Ltd are the winners of the 2011 NFRC Roofing Awards.

O'Brien Roofing & Leadwork Ltd has won the coveted award for their high quality of specialist leadwork. Competing against a number of national organisations for the highly prestigious 2011 National Federation Of Roofing Contractors Annual Awards this was a great success for the company.

The achievement was based on a full assessment of the firms work by the NFRC.

This achievement builds upon being awarded the 2010 NFRC Roofing Awards Winners and also recently winning gold in the Safety in Roofing Awards.

SIG Armourplan

After completing an intense training course with SIG Design & Technology for the application of IKO Armourplan, O'Brien Roofing & Leadworks Ltd are now Single Ply Qualified installers. Armourplan is a polyester-reinforced PVC single ply membrane which is suitable for use on a wide range of roofing applications, including refurbishment, new build and more specialist installations such as simulated metal roofs.

With a successful track record spanning over 30 years, Armourplan offers many benefits:

- Exceptional mechanical properties and product performance
- High UV resistance and a long service life
- Efficient and safe installation
- Secure seam welding quality
- Aesthetically pleasing finish
- Complete range of fixings and accessories available

Competent Roofer Scheme Member

The Competent Roofer scheme dictates that once roofing work is completed, a representative of the roofing company will sign a document endorsing that work has been carried out in full compliance with the Building Regulations. The homeowner will be issued with a certificate of compliance that will also go to the appropriate local authority building control department.

The scope of the scheme is 'the installation as a replacement, of the covering of a pitched or flat roof and work carried out by the registered person as a necessary adjunct to that installation'

This can be broken down to cover the following categories:

- Repair of the roof structure e.g. replacement of rotten joists or rafters on a like for like basis.
- The insertion of insulation.
- The provision of battens and counter battens.
- The provision of sheeting or boarding on pitched roofs.
- The provision of decking on flat roofs - this includes structural steel decking on industrial/commercial buildings.
- Flashing, guttering, repointing and eaves and verge work.
- Provision of roof lights - including "Velux" type roof windows provided they are only inserted between rafters/joists where existing structure is not altered.



Heritage Gold Cards

After passing a working at heights health and safety test along with an assessment by the NFRC of specialist works undertaken, employees of O'Brien Roofing & Leadworks Ltd received Heritage gold cards. With this achievement and the amount of listed buildings in our area we have been approved by the Lead Sheet Association to carry out works on these buildings.

O'Brien Sheet Lead Fabrication

A department of O'Brien Roofing & Leadworks Ltd has been created which can supply ready to fit sheet lead products ranging from chimney weatherings to lead vents and outlets, dormer flashings, window trays, lead valleys or even detailed lead flashing or lead bay tops. All items made to order and to the customers specification – if you can draw it, we can make it! Further information can be found at www.o'brienleadfab.co.uk



2010 Safety in Roofing Awards

O'Brien Roofing & Leadworks Ltd has been awarded gold in the 2010 Safety in Roofing Awards for its high health and safety standards.

Competing against national organisations this was another great success for the Bridport based company which had been awarded silver and bronze in 2009 and 2008. The company was awarded the gold after a full assessment and review of its health and safety standards and was found to have all the correct health and safety procedures in place, have a sound and established training ethos, a low accident rate and a good safety record.

Young Leadworker of the Year Award

O'Brien Roofing & Leadworks Ltd employee Tristan MacGregor was the runner up in the Young Leadworker of The Year Award held by the Lead Sheet Association and Lead Contractors Association.

Daniel O'Brien selected Tristan to represent O'Brien Roofing & Leadworks for his high standard of work and knowledge of how to work with lead. After a desktop and practical assessment Tristan was selected as one of six finalists from across the UK. At the Lead Sheet Association Technical and Training Centre in Kent the finalists were set a series of tasks to complete from drawings over identical model roof sections within a given time limit. Finalists were marked in accordance with Lead Sheet Association recommendations.

After the assessments Tristan was awarded the runner up and O'Brien Roofing & Leadwork Ltd congratulate Tristan for this great achievement for himself and the company.

O'Brien Sky – Vac

O'Brien Roofing & Leadworks Ltd have now invested in a Sky-Vac System which enables us to access your gutters, fascias and carry out digital video surveys of your eaves and some areas of your roof from the ground.

The system works via an extendable pole with various attachments at the head, these include a high suction industrial vacuum, 3000 psi pressure washer with various nozzles and a digital video recorder inspection system.

Our Sky-Vac system can reach up to 48ft and can also accommodate difficult access problems such as access to guttering over conservatories, sloping car parks etc.

We can clean any type of gutter whether it is domestic or commercial, call us today and have your gutters professionally cleaned, without the need for ladders or scaffold, subject to site inspection.



Merry Christmas to all our customers



District council to invest in broadband access

WEST Dorset District Council has announced it will contribute nearly £1.3million to improve the district's broadband access.

Councillors meeting at the council's executive committee agreed the funding on Tuesday, December 13th.

The district council's investment forms part of £10million funding required from Dorset councils to match the £9.44million already provisionally allocated by the Government.

It is intended to submit a Local Broadband Plan for Dorset to Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) by December 31st 2011, aimed at releasing the £9.44million. BDUK expect the total £18.88million raised through central and local government to be matched by the commercial sector.

Match funding from Dorset authorities is crucial to acceptance by BDUK of the broadband plan. A decision on acceptance of the Dorset plan by BDUK is expected in February/March 2012. If successful with the funding application then negotiation with BDUK and commercial providers is expected to take place during summer 2012.

Improved broadband services are vital to local businesses and communities, with figures indicating 38 per cent of premises in West Dorset have bandwidth speeds of less than 2Mbps (megabits per second).

The BDUK funds are to be used for stimulating investment in broadband rollout in rural areas where commercial investments alone will not deliver.

The ultimate aim is to deliver 100 per

cent superfast broadband coverage at speeds in excess of 30MBps for all premises in Dorset.

District Council Leader Robert Gould said: "This is a once only opportunity and the success of the project relies entirely on an integrated approach from both local authorities and communities.

"We are very excited about the prospects

of delivering this potential £38.88million project and the effects it will have for both businesses and residences.

"Much of the business community in rural Dorset is made up of small to medium sized enterprises and inadequate broadband coverage inhibits growth and future employment. We want to support these businesses and keep them within

communities in Dorset."

Council leaders across Dorset have said there is a clear consensus to improve broadband provision and the proposed rollout has gained considerable support from businesses and communities across the county.

The council aims to improve the superfast broadband infrastructure, support up-

take of online services and improve online literacy.

One of the Government's priorities is to stimulate private sector investment to increase broadband coverage across the UK by 2015; Dorset is hoping to deliver a total investment of around £38.88million for the rollout of superfast broadband across the county.

Help keep Santa safe this Christmas

DORSET Fire and Rescue Service is reminding the public to get their chimney swept, ready for Santa, so that he doesn't get dirty and to avoid a chimney fire at this time of year.

As the weather gets colder, people will want to use their fires or woodburners to keep warm, but since the beginning of the year the fire service have already been to 171 chimney fires. Although the weather is milder this year, they anticipate people putting their fires on over the Christmas period.

A spokesperson for the Dorset Fire and Rescue Service said: "We want to ask children to remind their parents to get their chimneys swept, not only to prevent these fires from occurring but also to ensure Father Christmas has a

safe and successful journey on Christmas Eve.

"In the last week crews have attended chimney fires in the Charminster area of Bournemouth, Stratton near Dorchester, Sandford Orcas near Sherborne and Ivy Cross near Shaftesbury.

"Our firefighters have been able to extinguish these fires and provide fire safety advice, but we want to stop them before they happen.

"Having your chimney swept is vital. The function of sweeping the flue/chimney is to remove the deposits that build up.

"By sweeping the flue/chimney it ensures that there is a clear and safe passage for the safe exit of combustion products, and a safe and clean entry for Santa."

The service has the follow-

ing guidance for preventing chimney fires:

- Keep chimneys and flues clean and well maintained - ensure your chimney is swept regularly.
 - Make sure embers are under control and put out properly when you go to bed.
 - Be careful when using open fires to keep warm. Make sure you always use a fireguard to protect against flying sparks from hot embers.
 - Fit a smoke alarm on every level of your home and test it weekly.
 - Contact Dorset Fire and Rescue Service for a free home fire safety check.
- Sign up for a free home safety check from Dorset Fire and Rescue Service at www.invitemeround.co.uk or call them on 01305 252600.



■ STONES FirePlaces in Dorchester help Dorset Fire and Rescue Service get their message across
Picture by Dorset Fire and Rescue Service

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- Big savings in our

clothing department, save 20% on 2011 team jerseys

- Up to 10% off all Raleigh kids bikes

Reserve your bike for Christmas

Just 10% reserves any bike till Christmas and we will store until the big day too! Just pop in, select your bike and leave the rest to us! We will have your bike ready for collection nearer the big day on a day of your choice (we close for Christmas at 2pm on Christmas Eve).

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For more information please visit www.dorchesterdorset.com/parkingshopping.php

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| • Autobitz | • Eureka | • NKW Weddings | • Taste |
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| • Blackburn & Co | • Frank Herring | • On The Table | • Terracotta Warriors Museum |
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| • Bryter Latte | • Fusion Lighting | • Paninis | • The Clockhouse Jewellers |
| • Butler and Company | • Gentz | • Physiques & Shapes Health Club | • The Dog House |
| • Cafe Central | • Get On Board | • Rajpoot Restaurant | • The Horse With The Red Umbrella |
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| • Chart Chars | • Goulds | • SGM Hair | • The New Curiosity Shop |
| • County Shoes | • Great Western Camping | • Shelley's Plai | • The Panasonic Store |
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| | • Napper's Mite | | |

What are your rights as an apartment or flat owner?

AS AN apartment or flat owner you have many rights to protect you from your freeholder or its agent. These generally come under the following groups of rights:

- Protection from unreasonable service charges
- The right to extend your lease by up to 90 years
- The right to purchase the freehold in conjunction with other owners [this is often the cheapest option]

If you are unhappy about the general running of your block of flats, have issues with service charges and maintenance or any other problems and would like to know the best way to resolve them, pop along to Nantes Solicitors in Antelope Walk on a Wednesday afternoon for 15 minutes FREE legal advice. Our team has many years' experience dealing with such problems and providing solutions promptly and in plain English.

Nantes Solicitors has launched 'Open Wednesdays in Dorchester' to give FREE 15 minutes no obligation legal advice on everything from family and property issues, litigation or personal injury claims to the full

spectrum of business and employment matters.

Said Nantes Dorchester based Solicitor, Siân Merriott:

"Those who pop in will benefit from an exchange of 15 minutes or so with a practising lawyer who has the knowledge and expertise to provide clear and easy to understand answers. The 15 minutes will give them a better idea of what they might want to do about their problem as well as a chance to get to know us at Nantes as individuals. So if you're looking for some pointers on how to tackle a business or personal problem but don't know where to begin, or are hesitant about approaching a law firm, do come and see us on a Wednesday afternoon .. we're here to help!"

If you are having problems which need to be resolved we would always suggest that you try to work in a group of owners to reduce costs.

As well as helping individual flat owners, we can assist the resident owned flat management company, either straight away, or after it has either acquired the freehold or taken over under the rights to manage.



Season's greetings from all at Casterbridge Fires

ASA crucial source of heat in your home, and with a huge range of styles to choose from, fires and fireplaces are once again at the top of the list of desirable features. A fireplace puts heart into a house, and flickering firelight provides a delightful ambience and a real focal point for your room.

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worth every penny when you see the end result!

There are two main aspects to consider. The style and appearance of the fireplace itself and the fuel it will use. Fuel may be the traditional 'solid fuel', or perhaps you find gas or electricity more convenient. There is a vast choice of materials from which a new fireplace can be made. So put the heart back in your home - take a look at the wide range of ideas at Casterbridge Fires Ltd - from stoves to open fires, from wood to marble, from plain to fancy.

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Goulds

GOULDS FASHION Store, shortlisted for Drapers Department Store of the Year 2011, have an inspirational choice of fragrance and toiletries this Christmas. Their popular fine fragrance collection includes leading brands Prada, Chanel, Yves Saint Laurent, Dior, Jean Paul Gaultier, Marc Jacobs, Jimmy Choo, Lady Millions

and Fan di Fendi. Estee Lauder at Goulds are offering a gorgeous Artist Colour Collection containing over £300 of Estee Lauder goodies for just £50 with any Estee fragrance purchase.

Many of Goulds popular fragrances are available in gift sets which make ideal Christmas presents especially with their free gift

wrap service. In addition they have an exciting range of toiletries including leading brands La Source, L'Occitane and Crabtree and Evelyn. Clarins, Clinique and Lancôme have exciting gift ideas – perfect for tree and stocking presents.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at Goulds.

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...

Estee Lauder Sensuelle Skin ONLY £34 (Contains a FREE Body Lotion)

Estee Lauder Pure Colour Lipstick ONLY £33 (Value over £40)

Estee Lauder Advance up mist Professional Colour Collection ONLY £50 (with any Estee Lauder fragrance purchase)

Goulds

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Delicious dining inside and out

NAPPER'S MITE is a fully licensed restaurant coffee shop, it offers a varied menu with daily specials. The garden and courtyard seating is very popular along with the restaurant and bar. New for this summer, Napper's Mite are offering Smoothies and Milk shakes from Eden Delicious. Cream teas are available alternatively Napper's Mite offer a selection cakes for those of you with a sweet tooth.

There are four areas where you can eat with old world charm, two inside, a central section in a covered courtyard and a very pleasant garden out back. The small restaurant/wine bar is excellent for

morning coffees right through to a full varied lunch menu. Ideal for families, you can choose from a range of light lunchtime snacks such as baguettes, sandwiches and jacket potatoes. Their hot chocolate with whippy cream and a flake is highly recommended. Now serving Christmas dinner and treats daily.

Latest review of Napper's Mite on Google maps by Diane says, "We popped in here for lunch whilst on holiday in October. My husband, 16 month old child and I. Service was excellent and I had the best omelette that I have ever had. Highly recommend".



Indulge yourself at Akemi Spa



AT AKEMI spa, we strive to be the best in our profession, concentrating on quality, we aim for your experience to take you away from the stress and strain of every day life in our spa promoting wellbeing and relaxation.

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We pride ourselves in offering a wide range of treatments with regular offers and discounts to the NHS staff.

With Christmas fast approaching why not add a gift set to your Christmas list or not treat someone special to a custom made gift voucher, we will even hand deliver to Dorchester hospital for those loved ones who need extra pampering this Christmas.



The purrrrrrrrrrrfect Christmas treats for all your pets!



THE PET Shop is a haven for all pets and has been established for over 20 years. It stocks specialist foods including James Wellbeloved, Burns, Royal Canin and Science Plan. They also sell frozen dog food, and a fantastic range of cages, pet beds, cat radiator beds and self heating pads (for animals).

What ever animal you choose to share your life with, The Pet Shop on Trinity Street, Dorchester is your local one stop shop.

When it comes to showing how much you love your pet at Christmas time, The Pet Shop has advent calendars, christmas stockings, toys and treats for both cats and dogs, Dog Teasers, christmas tarts, Dreamy's selection box and Turkey jumbones.

They also cater for all sorts of wildlife which you may enjoy in and around your garden, with feeds, feeders, and much more, which would make lovely gift ideas

for your human friends or family! Also in store you will find hi-visibility coats and collars, handy halter eight in one leads which stop dogs pulling and a selection of calming products for cats, dogs and other animals.

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If you would like to try your hand at something different or wish to improve your game, then **BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE NOW** at Reception on **Tel: 01308 427464.**

Monday

	Primetime Adults 50+	Racketball	Session	10.00 - 11.00
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Wednesday

	Primetime Adults 50+	Squash	Session	10.00 - 11.00
	Ladies Beginners	Squash	12 week course	11.00 - 12.00
	Ladies Improvers	Squash	12 week course	13.30 - 14.30
	Junior Beginners	Squash	12 week course	16.00 - 17.00
	Junior Improvers	Squash	12 week course	17.00 - 18.00

Friday

	Adult Beginners	Squash	12 week course	18.30 - 19.30
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Sunday

	Junior All Abilities	Racketball	12 week course	17.00 - 18.45
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**Places are
limited so
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The ultimate leisure guide for Dorset

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REQUESTS STOP!

Mark Watson visits
Bridport as part of
his 'Request Stop' tour

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*Plus our weekly music & cinema
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BREAK AWAY FROM THE PACK WITH THE 'NEW' WATTBIKE

PHYSICAL training instructor and former Royal Marine Chris Horsfield has been running spinning classes in the area for two years now, and is now offering the incredible Wattbike to his class members and clients.

The revolutionary Wattbike accurately measures power (Watts) and is the first ever indoor bike to be endorsed by British Cycling. It is now used as British Cycling's frontline Talent ID screening tool.

The machine feels like 'real' cycling and delivers accurate, repeatable and comparable results. The Wattbike can be used for rehabilitation, general fitness, high level training, scientific testing, coaching and competition, making it suitable for everyone from recreational cyclists through to Olympic champions.

It has a unique 'polar display' that provides im-

mediate feedback on the cyclist's technique and performance while measuring 39 different variables, perfect for personal training and goal setting. Wattbikes offer a great alternative to a turbo trainer or an upright bike during winter



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View 2 Music

The Jess Upton Soul Band return to Palace for annual concert

THE Jess Upton Soul Band make their very welcome annual return to the Electric Palace on Thursday, December 22nd.

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The Jess Upton Soul Band will be performing at the Electric Palace on Thursday, December 22nd. Doors open at 7.30pm and the performance starts at 8.30pm. Tickets are £10.50 each and are on sale now from the box office at Bridport Tourist Information Centre on 01308 424901.

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"WHY aren't you coming to Berwick?" "Why do you never visit Shropshire?" "Is there a specific reason for your endless neglect of Chorley?"

Most people aren't troubled by questions of this sort in their everyday lives, but award winning comedian, author, sports pundit, husband and father Mark Watson is. Every time he announces a set of tour dates, there are disappointed tweets from all corners of the UK not covered by his travels.

"Why are you going to Southampton instead of Inverness", people demand. "What's the matter with Ipswich?", "Do you hate the Isle of Man?". Despite Mark's reputation as one of the hardest-working and most-constantly-travelling comics around, it almost seems as if the only way to ensure happy gig-goers is if he allows fans to dictate his entire schedule.

Can you guess where this is going? Last year, via his daily blog, Mark invited fans to suggest destinations for his 2011 shows. Over the past few months he's been sifting through these suggestions and calculating the most popular choices from what remained, and one of the towns on the list is Bridport.

He'll be doling out a mixture of old favourites and new material, experimental stuff and greatest hits to those who have previously been deprived of his trademark frantic wit, when he visits Bridport Arts Centre on Saturday, January 21st.

To book tickets for Mark Watson: Request Stops, visit www.bridport-arts.com or call the box office on 01308 424204. Tickets cost £15, £13 for members, or £10 for concessions. The show is suitable for over 16s only.



Panto players are finding their sea legs

AFTER eating porridge at last year's rehearsals Bridport Pantomime Players are finding their sea legs as they prepare for their forthcoming production of Robinson Crusoe which will be staged at The Electric Palace commencing Wednesday February 1st until Saturday 4th.

The high seas were taller than usual with the gales that pounded West Bay last week, but this year's cast had their feet firmly on the ground at the Salt House as they prepared to go in search of the X that marks the spot of the hidden treasure.

You could be there when the treasure is discovered by booking some tickets!

This year there is a new booking office – Groves Garden Centre on the Crown roundabout.

The box office opens on Wednesday January 4th at 10am, but if you can't wait until then to secure your seats then you can ring Pamela Rose Pitcher, the Box Office Manager on 01308 423366.

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE | Robinson Crusoe (Teresa Grinter) and Dame Dolly (Anthony Steventon) read the message watched by the sailors



Poetry for Pleasure

by Frank McGarry

CHRISTMAS EVE 1924

Three snowflakes met together
Way-off in the farthest sky,
That each might choose the spot on earth
She'd fall on, bye and bye.

The first one chose a mountain peak
Where lie external snows,
The next would seek a garden bed
And melt into a rose.

But the third said, "Once in Bethlehem,
A snowflake heard the angels sing,
And saw the great star shining for
The birthday of the King.

And I would fall on Christmas Eve
Against some lighted pane
Where I might see a Christmas tree
And hear his praise again."

THAT poem was written by the lady from Cleveland, Ohio, Mary Dunning Thwing. As we Dorset-dwellers know, Thomas Hardy also wrote a quite different Christmas verse in the same year.

CHRISTMAS: 1924

'Peace upon earth!' was said. We sing it
And pay a million priests to bring it,
After two thousand years of mass
We've got as far as poison-gas.

Bill Catlin, from Weymouth wishes us all a "Happy and Ghost-free Christmas" with this seasonal poem.

CHRISTMAS

Don't mention the C word the old grump would say,
His meanness renowned to this very day.
Humbug, humbug, he would cry
When seeing a beggar and hurrying by.

A foul-mouthed tirade, would swear and cuss,
"No point in Christmas so why all the fuss?"
But as time passed he changed his ways,
No more returning to the sullen old days.

For the rest of his life he made the most,
All down to visits from enlightening ghosts.
This poem, dear reader, is not a ruse
For the man, yes, you've guessed it
Was Ebenezer Scrooge.

His story told again and again
Throughout the year goodwill to all men
And the moral comes from a Christmas past
Try to live every day as if 'twere your last.

Exactly a hundred years ago, in 1911, Sara Teasdale wrote this.

CHRISTMAS CAROL

The kings they came from out the south,
All dressed in ermine fine;

They bore Him gold and chrysoprase,
And gifts of precious wine.

The shepherds came from out the north,
Their coats were brown and old;
They brought Him little new-born lambs--
They had not any gold.

The wise men came from out the east,
And they were wrapped in white;
The star that led them all the way
Did glorify the night.

The angels came from heaven high,
And they were clad with wings;
And lo, they brought a joyful song
The host of heaven sings.

The kings they knocked upon the door,
The wise men entered in,
The shepherds followed after them
To hear the song begin.

The angels sang through all the night
Until the rising sun,
But little Jesus fell asleep
Before the song was done.

● If you have a short poem of your own that you would like to share with our readers please send it to: Poetry for Pleasure, Lyme Media & Events Ltd, St Michael's Business Centre, Lyme Regis, Dorset, DT7 3QF. Or e-mail it to us at: pemedi@pemedi.co.uk

THE SECRET GARDEN

Locked doors, hidden keys, a curious robin...

IF YOU are looking for first class family entertainment come and see The Secret Garden at Dorchester's Corn Exchange on Thursday 5, Friday 6 and Saturday, January 7th. The show is a new adaptation by Angel Exit Theatre to celebrate the centenary of Frances Hodgson Burnett's much-loved classic. It sees spoilt orphan, Mary Lennox plucked from the bright vibrancy of India in 1899 and transplanted to a mysterious old house full of secrets on the grey Yorkshire moors. As Mary battles loneliness she encounters locked doors, a curious robin, hidden keys, and strange cries ringing down the corridor...

Presented in Angel Exit's rich visual style, the show blends storytelling with striking physicality, beautiful puppets, haunting songs and an original soundtrack. It is directed by Tamsin Fessey and Lynne Forbes who brought the hugely popular production Moonfleet to Dorset. Helping to evoke the sights and sounds of India in 1899 will be members of Dorchester Youth Theatre who will perform in the prologue to the show. The costumes and sets have been designed by Jodie Gardner, who returned to her college, AUCB, in Bournemouth, where students made the costumes. See it at Dorchester's Corn Exchange on Thursday 5, Friday 6 and Saturday, January 7th at 7pm, plus Saturday matinee at 2pm. Family ticket £35 / Adults £12 + concessions Box Office: Dorchester Arts Centre 01305 266926 or Tourist Information Office 01305 267992 or online at: www.wegotickets.com



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THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO ¹⁸

THIS English-language adaptation of the Swedish novel by Stieg Larsson follows a disgraced journalist, Mikael Blomkvist (Daniel Craig), as he investigates the disappearance of a weary patriarch's niece from 40 years ago. He is aided by the pierced, tattooed, punk computer hacker named Lisbeth Salander (Rooney Mara). As they work together in the investigation, Blomkvist and Salander uncover immense corruption beyond anything they have ever imagined.



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Fri: 19.30, Sat: 16.20

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Fri: 12.15, 14.40, 17.10

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Sherlock Holmes: A Game Of Shadows ^{12A}

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Fri: 11.00, 12.00, 13.10, 14.10, 15.20, 16.10, 17.30, 18.30, 20.40

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Fri, Mon-Thu: 11.30, 13.45, 16.00, 18.15, 20.30

Sat: 11.30, 13.45, 16.00, 18.15

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Fri, Sat: 13.40, 18.10

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Fri: 12.50, 15.30, 18.10, 20.45

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The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - part 1 ^{12A} Fri: 20.00

The Adventures of Tin Tin: Secret of the Unicorn in 3D ^{PG}
Fri: 11.15

Spy Kids: All The Time In The World in 2D ^{PG} Sat: 10.00am

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Cars 2 in 2D ^U Sat: 10.10am

The Shed Photography to hold exhibition at the Malthouse

THE Shed Photography welcome you to a group exhibition of photography, illustration, painting and sculpture entitled 'Coast: the sea, the sea', at the Malthouse in Lyme Regis from December 30th until January 8th.

The exhibition is an opportunity to see how local artists such as Jeanne Goodridge, Pete Hackett, Chelsea Davine and Jess Douglas view the coast that dominates the horizon, with its rolling weather systems and ever changing light. In addition The Shed will be showcasing the work of established photographers from all over the world, from the website.

They are delighted that in conjunction with the exhibition, photographer Maisie Hill will be running two photo days on Saturday, December 31st and Saturday, January 7th, which will include a four hour tutorial, techniques and a portfolio discussion. All participants will be given a free print of one of the images taken on the course. Illustrator Paula Youens will also be demonstrating mono print making throughout the week, whilst Chelsea Davine will be available to talk about painting and how to develop your photographic practice by joining The Shed's ever-growing community of talented artists and photographers. If you wish to be involved in the workshops please get in touch as soon as possible to avoid disappointment, by emailing info@theshedphotography.com. The Shed Photography dedicates its time to promoting, selling and printing photographers' and artists' work by providing all exhibitors with their own website within a website, visit www.theshedphotography.com.



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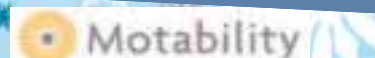
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Your guide to the best of Christmas telly

IT'S THAT time of the year when everyone starts asking themselves why they bother pay for their TV Licence and claim - quite possibly through the use of rose tinted glasses - that Christmas telly just ain't what it used to be, **writes James Coles.**

But before you reach for the stand-by button on that remote control and embrace the company of family and friends rather than staying glued to the goggle box this Christmas, just take a look at our top TV picks of the festive season.

The *Doctor Who* Christmas Special has become a reg-

ular 'must see' fixture on the Beeb since the show was resurrected in 2005.

This year is no different with guest appearances from Claire Skinner (better known as Sue on *Outnumbered*, which also has its own festive special on Christmas Eve - BBC1, 9:20pm) along with *The Fast Show*'s Arabella Weir and funnyman Bill Bailey. You can catch the one-off episode - 'The Doctor, The Widow and The Wardrobe' - on Christmas Day (BBC1, 7pm).

The same night on the other side (ITV1, 9pm) is the Christmas offering from the show you just can't escape from - *Downton Abbey*.

The period drama picked up four Emmys back in September and will no doubt have an even bigger audience than usual for its festive edition. It's December

1919 and tensions are running high at Downton's lavish Christmas party...

Keeping with ITV, David Suchet gets one step closer to filming every Agatha Christie *Poirot* novel in existence on Boxing Day.

'The Clocks' (ITV1, 9pm) is the perfect antidote to that pile of turkey sandwiches. Written in 1963, the original book is notable for the fact that Poirot never visits any of the crime scenes or speaks to any of the witnesses or suspects, since he is challenged to prove his oft-made boast that a crime can be solved by the exercise of the intellect alone. The cast includes Geoffrey Palmer, the late Anna Massey and *Quadrophenia*'s Phil Daniels.

With what would have been Charles Dickens' 200th birthday coming up in February, you can't seem to

avoid the great author at the moment. And Christmas telly is no different!

Firstly, the Beeb have come up with a new three-parter of one of Dickens' greatest novels - but why, oh why, have they opted for *Great Expectations* again?

I've lost count of how many different adaptations I've seen of this story, including at least two produced by the BBC.

And no matter how many times it's remade, no one will surpass David Lean's masterly 1946 take on the story.

The new version does, however, boast a great cast with Gillian Anderson bringing a younger than usual Miss Haversham to the table. You can catch

Great Expectations each night from December 27th-29th (BBC1, 9pm).

And the Dickensian Christmas connection doesn't stop there. There's another chance to see *The Bleak Old Shop of Stuff* (which premiered earlier this month), a comedic tale about a Victorian shop owner's family who are imprisoned by an evil lawyer over a mysterious debt, on December 29th (BBC2, 9pm).

The following night Sue Perkins investigates Charles Dickens' relationship with his wife in *Mrs Dickens' Family Christmas* (December 30th, BBC2, 9pm) and shows Christmas in the Dickens' household wasn't as heart-warming as you might expect.

And if you want even more Dickens, Channel Five will no doubt be showing the Patrick Stewart version of *A*

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On to comedy, and although there's no chance of any more *Only Fools* after the sad death of writer John Sullivan earlier this year, the good news is that David Jason is back on the Beeb in his first sitcom in ages. The new series - *The Royal Bodyguard* - follows the escapades of hapless Captain Guy Hubble, the incompetent yet apparently indestructible personal security guard to the Queen and her family. The six-part run starts on Boxing Day (BBC1, 9:30pm).

Also making a return this Christmas is *Absolutely Fabulous*, with the first new episode since 2004. It might clash with *Downton Abbey*, but I'd rather have Christmas with Edina and Patsy anyway.

And seeing as the Christmas Day episode features a cameo from Sofie Gråbøl (DI Sarah Lund from *The Killing* - the greatest TV show in living memory), I've set the Freeview Plus box already. More *Ab Fab* is on the way, with a New Year's episode in the can and a tie-in with the Olympic Games planned for next summer.

And the comedy doesn't stop there. *The Many Faces of Les Dawson* (Christmas Eve, BBC2, 9pm) profiles the legendary funny man, before a tribute clip show at 10pm. In fact, it's a whole evening of comedy on BBC2 this Christmas Eve, with other highlights including *Morecambe and Wise: A Perfect Christmas* (8pm) which features some of Eric and Ernie's greatest festive moments.

And if Eric and Ernie's your sort of comedy, make sure you tune in on New Year's Eve. A whole night of More-



▲ Don't miss the Doctor Who Christmas Special

cambe and Wise kicks off with a festive celebration of the comedy duo hosted by Paul Merton (8pm), which is followed by *Eric and Ernie* - the celebrated dramatisation of how the pair started their careers - starring Victoria Wood (9pm) and, finally, Michael Parkinson looks back at his 1972 chat show interview with the duo at 10:30pm.

Another regular fixture on the Beeb's Christmas roster is *Top Gear*, and in this year's seasonal edition Clarkson, Hammond and May hit the road in India, driving a Jaguar XJS, Mini Cooper and Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow respectively! You can catch them on the crazy roads of the Subcontinent on December 28th (BBC2, 8pm).

A must see for the younger members of the family is the new adaptation of *The Borrowers*. It's another example of the Beeb revisiting familiar material (there was a BBC series in 1992 and a Hollywood film five years later) but this 2011 version looks worth catching, and stars both Victoria Wood and Stephen Fry (Boxing Day, BBC1, 7:30pm).

If documentary is more your thing, there's an interesting profile of Dame Judi Dench (December 30th, BBC2, 8pm) and a great highlights show compiled from recent natural history masterpiece *Frozen Planet* (December 28th, BBC1, 7pm).

And if that wasn't enough, the Beeb's new wildlife extravaganza - *Earthflight* - gets underway on December 29th (BBC1, 8pm); a stunning new show that allows the viewer to fly like a bird over six continents.

So, whether you're looking for something old or new, this year's Christmas TV schedules really do have something for everyone!



▲ Yet another version of Great Expectations comes to the BBC this Christmas

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Christmas Trivia Quiz

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1. **Whose birthday is being celebrated on Christmas Day?**
 - a. Michael Jackson
 - b. Jesus Christ
 - c. Father Christmas
2. **Who is the mother of Jesus?**
 - a. Louise
 - b. Jane
 - c. Mary
3. **What season was Jesus actually born in?**
 - a. Summer
 - b. Spring
 - c. Winter
4. **What does the name Immanuel mean translated?**
 - a. Merry Christmas
 - b. God with us
 - c. Jesus Christ
5. **What city was Jesus born in?**
 - a. Bethlehem
 - b. New York
 - c. Nazareth
6. **Name the three kings that went to see baby Jesus.**
 - a. George, Michael and James
 - b. Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar
 - c. Mark, Robert and Paul
7. **In what direction did the kings see His star?**
 - a. North
 - b. East
 - c. West
8. **What gifts were presented to baby Jesus?**
 - a. Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh
 - b. Laptop, Xbox and Camera
 - c. Candy, Tree decorations and Wine

9. **What does the word Christ mean?**
 - a. Santa
 - b. Messiah
 - c. God
10. **Who wrote O Come, All Ye Faithful?**
 - a. John Francis
 - b. Cliff Richard
 - c. Bishop James Chadwick
11. **How many points does a snowflake have?**
 - a. Five
 - b. Six
 - c. Eight
12. **Where can you find the real Christmas story?**
 - a. The Christmas Carol Book
 - b. Chapters of Matthew and Luke
 - c. Book of Isaiah
13. **What did Nicholas do with his inheritance?**
 - a. Assist the needy and the sick
 - b. Give Gifts
 - c. Bought a car
14. **In legend, what did St. Nicholas drop down the chimney?**
 - a. Presents
 - b. Holly and Ivy
 - c. Purse of Money
15. **Where did it land?**
 - a. Under a Christmas Tree
 - b. In a stocking
 - c. On the floor
16. **What Christmas song includes "Glory to the newborn king"?**
 - a. Hark the Herald Angel Sing
 - b. O Come, All Ye Faithful
 - c. We Three Kings

17. **What Christmas song includes "Let every heart prepare Him room"?**
 - a. Hark the Herald Angel Sing
 - b. Joy To the World
 - c. O Come, All Ye Faithful
18. **In the Grinch that stole Christmas, what was 2 sizes too small?**
 - a. Brain
 - b. Heart
 - c. Hands
19. **In the Christmas song Silent Night, what words follow Silent night?**
 - a. Silent Night
 - b. Holy Night
 - c. Round Yon Virgin Mother and Child
20. **What colour of a Christmas am I dreaming of?**
 - a. Blue
 - b. Green
 - c. White
21. **What is Tiny Tim famous for saying?**
 - a. Give me some presents
 - b. God bless us, everyone
 - c. Merry Christmas
22. **Name 3 items contained in Egg Nog.**
 - a. Sugar, Milk and Eggs
 - b. Eggs and Water
 - c. Flour, Sugar and Milk
23. **What letter does the candy cane resemble?**
 - a. S for Santa
 - b. J for Jesus
 - c. C for Christmas
24. **What does the white in the candy cane represent?**
 - a. Snow
 - b. Santa's beard
 - c. Purity of Christ

25. **What Christmas song includes "The stars are brightly shining, It is the night of the dear Savior's birth"?**
 - a. Joy To the World
 - b. Oh Holy Night
 - c. Silent Night
26. **On Christmas eve what snack is placed for Santa?**
 - a. Mince Pies
 - b. Cookies
 - c. Sweets
27. **Who is supposed to open the first Christmas Gift?**
 - a. The oldest
 - b. The Youngest
 - c. The Tallest
28. **Name the Christmas movie which is in New York.**
 - a. A Christmas Carol
 - b. The Polar Express
 - c. Miracle on 34th Street
29. **What is the name of the Christmas snowman?**
 - a. Simon
 - b. Frosty
 - c. Jack

ANSWERS: 1: B. JESUS CHRIST; 2: C. MARY; 3: B. SPRING; 4: B. GOD WITH US; 5: A. BETHLEHEM; 6: B. GASPAR, MELCHIOR AND BALTHASAR; 7: B. IN A STOCKING; 8: C. PURSE OF MONEY; 9: B. MESSIAH; 10: A. JOHN FRANCIS; 11: C. SIX; 12: B. CHAPTERS OF MATTHEW AND LUKE; 13: A. ASSIST THE NEEDY AND THE SICK; 14: C. PURSE OF MONEY; 15: B. IN A STOCKING; 16: A. HARK THE HERALD ANGEL SING; 17: B. JOY TO THE WORLD; 18: B. HEART; 19: B. HOLY NIGHT; 20: C. WHITE; 21: B. GOD BLESS US, EVERYONE; 22: A. SUGAR, MILK AND EGGS; 23: B. J FOR JESUS; 24: C. PURITY OF CHRIST; 25: B. OH HOLY NIGHT; 26: B. COOKIES; 27: B. THE YOUNGEST; 28: C. MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET; 29: B. FROSTY.

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Baking

Mince Pies

preparation time 30 mins to 1 hour
cooking time 10 to 30 mins

Makes 12 pies

Ingredients

350g high quality mincemeat, preferably homemade
200g plain flour, sifted • 40g golden caster sugar
75g ground almonds • 125g unsalted butter, diced
1 large free-range egg, beaten • milk, to glaze

Preparation method

1. Lightly butter a 12-hole pie or patty tin. Tip the mincemeat into a bowl and stir so that the liquid is evenly distributed.
2. Place the flour, sugar, almonds and butter in a food processor and process briefly until resembling breadcrumbs, then slowly add the egg through the feeder tube.
3. Bring the mixture together with your hands, wrap in clingfilm and chill for an hour or so. Thinly roll out the pastry on a floured surface. Cut out 12 circles with a fluted pastry cutter, large enough to fill the base of the prepared tin. Press gently into each hole, then fill with the mincemeat.
4. Cut out another 12 slightly smaller discs and use to cover the mincemeat. Press the edges together to seal. Make a small slit in the top of each, then brush lightly with milk. Chill for about 30 minutes. Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 200C/400F/Gas 6.
5. Bake the pies for 20 minutes until golden brown. Remove to a wire rack and serve warm.



Muffins

preparation time Less than 30 mins
cooking time 10 to 30 mins

Makes 24 Muffins

Ingredients

200g self-raising flour, sifted • 100g golden caster sugar • 100ml sunflower oil
75ml milk • 1 large free-range egg • 50g good quality dark chocolate, chopped
1 heaped tbsp high quality mincemeat

50g good quality white chocolate, chopped • 50g dried (or fresh) cranberries

Preparation method

1. Preheat the oven to 190C/375F/Gas 5 and put 24 mini-muffin cases inside a mini-muffin tin.
2. Mix the flour and sugar in a bowl, then make a well in the centre. Whisk together the oil, milk and egg and slowly pour into the bowl, stirring gently. Divide this mixture between two bowls. In one bowl add the dark chocolate and mincemeat. Add the white chocolate and cranberries to the other bowl. Stir very gently.
3. Divide the two mixtures among the 24 muffin cases and bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown and risen.
4. Remove the muffins to a wire rack and eat warm.

Festive Recipes
Traditional Christmas Dinner

Brussels sprouts gratin with bacon, cream and almonds

preparation time Less than 30 mins
Serve 8

Ingredients

900g Brussels sprouts, trimmed
20g butter
40g sunflower oil
150g bacon lardons (or rindless back bacon, cut into short fat strips)
20g flaked almonds
400ml double cream
2½ tsp lemon juice
5½ tbsp fresh white breadcrumbs
4 tbsp freshly grated parmesan cheese
salt and freshly ground black pepper

Preparation Period

1. Preheat the oven to 200C/400F/Gas 6.
2. Place the sprouts into a saucepan of simmering salted water and cook for 4-5 minutes, until almost, but not quite, cooked. Drain thoroughly, allow to cool slightly, then cut in half.
3. Place the butter and oil into a wide frying pan over a medium heat. Add the bacon lardons and almonds and sauté for 3-4 minutes, until lightly browned.
4. Add the sprouts and sauté for a further 2-3 minutes, stirring constantly.
5. Add the cream and bring the mixture to the boil. Boil for 2-4 minutes, until the cream has reduced to a rich sauce. Season to taste with salt and freshly ground black pepper.
6. Remove from the heat, add the lemon juice and spoon into an ovenproof gratin dish.
7. Mix the breadcrumbs and parmesan cheese together in a bowl, then sprinkle evenly over the top of the sprout mixture.
8. Place into the oven and bake for 18-20 minutes, until the top is golden-brown and the cream visibly boiling.
9. Remove from the oven and serve in the gratin dish (when the dish has cooled slightly).



Roast Turkey with Bread Sauce

preparation time Less than 30 mins
cooking time 3 hours, 20 mins
Serve 8

Ingredients

1 free-range turkey weighing 4kg
salt and freshly ground black pepper • 175g unsalted butter

For the bread sauce

450ml/15fl oz full-cream milk • 1 small onion • 4 cloves
75-100g (2½ to 3½ oz) fresh white breadcrumbs • freshly grated nutmeg
40g/1½oz butter or 2 tbsp double cream • cayenne pepper, for sprinkling

Preparation Period

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4. Check that you have not left the plastic bag of giblets lurking inside the bird. Put the turkey in a large, deep roasting tin. Season generously all over with salt and pepper and massage the seasoning into the skin.
2. Melt the butter in a large saucepan. Fold the muslin in four and lower it into the melted butter, pushing it in so that it soaks up virtually all the butter.
3. Lift out the butter-soaked muslin and lay it over the turkey, making sure that it completely covers the breast and upper thighs.
4. Pour about 300ml/½ pint water into the roasting tin and slide it into the oven. Cook for approximately 3 hours 20 minutes, basting the bird approximately every 30 minutes with the pan juices.
5. Test that the turkey is properly cooked in just the same way as you would a chicken. Pierce the thickest part of the thigh with a skewer. If the juices run clear then the turkey is done. If they are pink, slide it straight back into the oven for a further 15 minutes before testing again and continue to do this until they do run clear.
6. Once it's done, transfer the turkey to a large serving dish, discard the muslin and leave in a warm place to rest for at least half an hour. Cover with foil to stop the meat going cold.
7. While the turkey is cooking, make the bread sauce. Pour the milk into a heavy-based saucepan. Stick the four cloves into the onion, add to the milk and bring very, very slowly up to the boil, so that the milk has plenty of time to absorb the flavours of the onion and the cloves.
8. Remove the onion and cloves and stir enough breadcrumbs into the milk to give a thick sauce. Season to taste with nutmeg and salt. Stir in the butter or cream, adjust the seasoning, then spoon into a warm serving bowl, sprinkle with a little cayenne pepper and place on the table. If making in advance, leave to cool, then cover with cling film and store in the fridge for up to three days. Reheat thoroughly before serving. Sprinkle with the cayenne pepper just before serving.



Party Food

BBQ Chicken

preparation time Overnight
cooking time 10 to 30 mins
Makes 12 BBQ chicken wings

Ingredients

6 chicken drumsticks, preferably free-range
6 chicken wings, preferably free-range

For the marinade:

2 tbsp clear honey • 3cm/1¼in piece of fresh ginger, peeled and grated
1 garlic clove, crushed • 1½ tsp Chinese five spice • 2 tsp soy sauce
3 tbsp orange marmalade • ½ tsp grated orange zest • 1 tbsp sesame oil

Preparation Period

1. Slash the chicken drumsticks three to four times each with a sharp knife and place in a non-metallic bowl with the chicken wings. Mix together all of the marinade ingredients and pour over the chicken. Leave to marinate for at least 2 hours, or overnight if you can, turning occasionally.
2. Once it has marinated, place the chicken on the barbecue over medium-hot coals and cook for about 20 minutes, brushing with any marinade left in the dish as it cooks. If it's colouring too quickly, move to a cooler part of the barbecue to cook more gently. It's important you cook the chicken all the way through.
3. If you're unsure, pierce a drumstick with a skewer. If the juices are still pink, carry on cooking. Eat as soon as they're cool enough to handle.
4. The chicken can also be cooked in the oven for perfect picnic food. Preheat the oven to 200C/400F/Gas 6



Scotch Eggs

preparation time Less than 30 mins
cooking time 10 to 30 mins
Makes 4 Scotch Eggs

Ingredients

4 large free-range eggs • 275g sausage meat • 1 tsp fresh thyme leaves
1 tbsp chopped fresh parsley • 1 spring onion, very finely chopped
salt and freshly ground black pepper • 125g plain flour, seasoned with salt and freshly ground black pepper • 1 free-range egg, beaten • 125g/4oz breadcrumbs

Preparation Period

1. Place the eggs, still in their shells, in a pan of cold salted water.
2. Place over a high heat and bring to the boil, then reduce the heat to simmer for exactly nine minutes.
3. Drain and cool the eggs under cold running water, then peel.
4. Mix the sausage meat with the thyme, parsley and spring onion in a bowl and season well with salt and freshly ground black pepper.
5. Divide the sausage meat mixture into four and flatten each out on a clean surface into ovals about 12.5cm and 7.5cm at its widest point.
6. Place the seasoned flour onto a plate, then dredge each boiled egg in the flour.
7. Place each onto a sausage meat oval, then wrap the sausage meat around each egg. Make sure the coating completely covers each egg.
8. Dip each sausage meat-coated egg in the beaten egg, rolling to coat completely, then dip and roll into the breadcrumbs to completely cover.
9. Heat the oil in a deep heavy-bottomed pan, until a breadcrumb sizzles and turns brown when dropped into it. Carefully place each scotch egg into the hot oil and deep-fry for 8-10 minutes, until golden and crisp and the sausage meat is completely cooked and Serve cool.



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12.30 Keeping Up Appearances
In the 1993 Christmas special Hyacinth takes to the high seas (R) (s) 65637
1.30-3.05 The Santa Clause 2 Comedy sequel with Tim Allen in which Santa must get a wife or lose his (2002 U) (S) (w) (HD) 22933386

3.05pm G-Force
Part-animated action adventure starring Bill Nighy, and featuring the voices of Nicolas Cage, Penelope Cruz and Sam Rockwell (2009, PG) (S) (W) (HD) 2318618

4.30 BBC News
Regional News; Weather (S) 7025499

4.50 Winter Wipeout
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8.00 Merlin
13/13 Series 4. The Sword in the Stone 2/2. With Morgana in power in Camelot, Arthur must take control before it is lost for ever. But Agravaine's betrayal has shaken his (S)(AD)(HD) 154340

8.45 EastEnders
Masood and Zainab try to put a stop to Yusef's plan. Next episode tomorrow 9pm (S) (AD) (HD) 458415
9.20 Outnumbered
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10.00 Lapland
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11.25 BBC News weather (S) 297163
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8.50 Jump In! Comedy drama about a Brooklyn teenager torn between boxing and competitive (2007 U) (S) (w) 9181960

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1.35 2.35 Pappano's Essential Tosca Conductor
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5.45 Carols from King's
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7.00 The John Craven Years
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8.00 Morecambe and Wise: A Perfect Christmas
In this compilation from the incomparable comedy duo's shows, Angela Rippon, Shirley Bassey and Andre Previn are just some of the stars appearing and even getting to perform in a "play what Ernie wrote".(R) (S) 6637

9.00 The Many Faces of Les Dawson
A profile of one of our all-time comedy greats, who was also a talented musician, writer and actor The programme charts Dawson's rise to stardom through the characters he played on screen and the shows he hosted such as Sez Les and Blankety Blank, while those who knew and worked with him, including John Cleese, share their memories.(S) 6873

10.00 The Best of Les Dawson
A tribute to the multi-talented comedian, with memorable moments and sketches revealing his acutely observed take on life's absurdities.(R) (S) 296786

10.25 Top of the Pops Christmas Special
Festive performances from the likes of Slade, Wham!, Shakin' Stevens, Pet Shop Boys and Adele.(S) 7392750
11.55 Blackadder Rides Again
The first episode featuring the dastardly Blackadder made its debut in 1983. Here, the cast of the sitcom appear together in a documentary for the first time.(R)(S)(AD) 883989

12.55am Never Mind the Buzzcocks Comedian Rhod Gilbert takes charge.(S) 6377458
1.25-2.50am Holiday in Handcuffs Seasonal romantic comedy from the director of City Slickers, starring Melissa Joan Hart and Mario Lopez.(2007)(S)(W) 6821274



Santa Claus **9.25am**
Seasonal comedy starring Dudley Moore as an elf who betrays Father Christmas



5.30am Morning News (S) **6.00** CITV Signed Stories **6.10** Boblins **6.20** The Hive **6.35** Handy Manny **7.00** Tati's Hotel **7.25** Super Hero Squad Show **7.50** Cool Stuff Collective

8.15 Tom and Jerry - The Magic Ring
Animated cat and mouse frolics in which Jerry runs away to the city (2001 U) (S) (w) 3115873

9.25 Santa Claus Seasonal comedy starring Dudley Moore as an elf who betrays Father Christmas (1985 U) (S) (AD) (w) (HD) 69103786

11.30 Coronation Street Omnibus (S) (AD) (HD) 37801960

1.25pm ITV News Weather (s) 87035540
1.45 3.35 The Polar Express Animated fantasy about a magical train featuring Tom Hanks (2004 U) (S) (AD) (w) (HD) 85949279

3.35pm ET the Extra-Terrestrial Classic sci-fi adventure starring Henry Thomas and Dee Wallace, and featuring Drew Barrymore. Ten-year-old Elliott has a new friend, but he's from another planet and nobody must know he's here. (1982, U)(S)(AD)(W)(HD) 44849892

5.45 ITV News weather (S) 631873

6.00 You've Been Framed at Christmas!
Things can-and do-go wrong at this time of the year. Harry Hill adds his witty asides to a selection of seasonal camcorder calamities and viewers' mobile-phone footage. (R)(S) 811

6.30 The Cube Celebrity Special
Coronation Street stars Ryan Thomas (Jason Grimshaw) and Julie Hesmondhalgh (Hayley Cropper) get boldly into the perspex box to face some highly claustrophobic challenges as they bid to win money for their chosen charities. Its enough to drive them to drink in the Rovers! Presented by Phillip Schofield. (S)(HD) 36705

7.30 Text Santa
2/2. Holly Willoughby joins Ant and Dec to introduce an entertainment spectacular in aid of charity as celebrity guests drop by to contribute musical and comedy performances and help the hosts to deliver a sack-load of glad tidings. Viewers can also do their bit to spread good will to the most vulnerable by texting donations to the charities featured on the programme. (S) (HD) 417502

10.00 Piers Morgan's Life Stories
Donny Osmond. With plenty to talk about after a career that now spans five decades, the singer talks to Piers in Chicago, where he's been on stage with sister Marie. Looking back on the teen mania that surrounded him in the 1970s, he discusses the downsides of being a heart-throb and reveals how his solo success came at a high price for his brothers. Donny also opens up about his battle to overcome on-stage panic attacks.(S)(HD) 3786

11.00 ITV News; Weather (S) 289144

11.15 Carols from Bucklebury
At a candlelit service in rural Berkshire, villagers come together in a rustic barn to celebrate the story of the Nativity and sing favourite carols including Silent Night! Holy Night!, In the Bleak Midwinter and O Come, All Ye Faithful. Kate Garraway also meets members of this pastoral community as they prepare for Christmas.(S)(HD) 298786

12.15am Connie and Carla Comedy starring Nia Vardalos and Toni Collette. Wannabe club singers Connie and Carla are forced to hide out in Los Angeles disguised as drag queens when they accidentally witness a Mob killing. (2004, 12)(S)(W) 720380
2.10 Spartacus Historical epic starring Kirk Douglas Laurence Olivier and Tony Curtis. Born into slavery, the gladiator Spartacus longs for freedom and finds himself at the head of an army of slaves in revolt against the might of the Romans.(1960, PG)(S)(SL)(W)(HD) 50731564

5.20-5.55am Nightscreen Text information.



Hairspray **7.15pm**
Satirical musical comedy starring John Travolta, Nikki Blonsky and Michelle Pfeiffer.



5.45am Hoot Adventure comedy A teenager struggling to fit in at his new school joins the fight to save endangered owls (2006 PG) (S) (W) 748366

7.15 Garfield Family comedy The curmudgeonly cat is outraged when his owner decides to adopt a dog Review page 80 (2004 U) (S) (W) (HD) 729231

8.45 Olive the Other Reindeer Animation (R)(S) 74229095
9.40 Prep & Landing Emmy winning animation (R) (S) (HD) 10.10 **Charlotte's Web** Live action family fantasy about a spider who saves little pig Wilbur's life (2006 U) (S) (W) (AD) (w) (HD) 757322

12.00 The Muppet Christmas Carol The puppets distinctive twist on the Dickens tale featuring Michael Caine (1992 U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 577322

1.40 Gordon's Christmas Cookalong-Get Ready A preview of the live Christmas Day show with preparation tips (S) 90152250

1.50-4.00pm Jamie's Christmas with Bells On
1/2 Turkey Wellington and griddle-pan waffles (R) (S) 8935095 **2.55 2/2 Fiesta** tacos and a Bloody Mary seafood platter (S) 6685786

4.00pm Deal or No Deal Deal Panto Contestants portray pantomime characters as they try to guess the values of mystery boxes containing as much as £250,000. (S) (AD) 4499

5.00 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions
Bubbly beautiful Farida starts off the week in Wolverhampton, but upsets her male guests. 2182

5.30 Natalie draws on her Spanish heritage for a feast washed down with mucho sangria. 540

6.00 Cocky salesman Lee thinks he's in with a shout, but his guests face a long wait for their dinner after he falls behind schedule. 453

6.30 Michael gets complacent and burns the vegetables for his main course - and then claims that was his intention all along. (R)(S)(HD) 705

7.00 Channel 4 News; Sport; Weather(s) 268144
7.05 thought4u Writer and comedian Lucy Porter explains why she still loves the festive season, despite not believing in God. (S) (HD) 999502

7.15 Hairspray Satirical musical comedy starring John Travolta, Nikki Blonsky and Michelle Pfeiffer. In 1960s Baltimore, chubby teenager Tracy Turnblad wins a place on her favourite television dance show. But she faces a battle with ruthless station manager Velma von Tussle, who fears Tracy may steal the Miss Teenage Hairspray crown from her daughter (2001 PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 10009618

9.20 Home for the Holidays
7/7 The two extended families face a final set of challenges and games as their week together comes to an end. Have the couple managed to keep everybody together as they bid to win £500,000, or will it culminate in a Christmas bust-up? Vernon Kay finds out. (S) (HD) 36061417

10.55 Bill Bailey: Dandelion Mind
The comedian is captured live, as he mixes up a trademark set of surreal observations and odd musical interludes - including a French disco version of Gary Numan's Cars and some German techno in the style of the Wurzels. (S) 923786

11.55 Father Ted - A Christmassy Ted.
Ted wins the coveted Golden Cleric award after he averts a potentially awkward situation in Ireland's largest lingerie department.(R) (S) 535540

1.05am Inputoutput 6/6 Series 2. With performances by the Maccabees and Birdy. (S) (HD) 7927516

1.15 Comedy Lab: Kabadassas A loveable slacker sets up an English kabaddi team. First shown on E4 (S) 91767

1.45 T4 Movie Special Nick Grimshaw previews Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows. (R) (S) 6359106

2.00 Cee Lo Takes the UK The star visits the UK, hoping to experience the nation's culture. (R) (S) 7411813

2.10 Ashes of Time Redux Wong Kar-Wai's re-edit of his own 1994 period martial arts drama. A former swordsmen acts as an agent to find fighters to act as mercenaries. Cantonese subtitles. (2008, 15) (W) (HD) 716729

3.45 Southland 5/6 Series 2. Gangsters open fire in a crowded Club. First shown on More4 (S) (AD) (HD) 3838019

4.30 World War II: the Last Heroes 4/6. The Germans bring out their secret weapon, the VZ. (R)(S)(HD) 7588564
5.25-6.10am Brothers & Sisters 24 Series 4 Kitty begins to lose her hair! (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 9060835



Scrooge **5.05pm**
Colourised version of the classic adaptation of Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol



6.00am Milkshake! Peppa **6.05** Fifi **6.15** Fireman Sam **6.25** Harry and His Dinosaurs **6.40** Castle Farm **6.50** Igam Ogam **7.00** Thomas and Friends Day of the Diesels Conflict between the steamies and the diesels **8.05** Little Princess **8.20** Bottle Top Bill **8.40** Angelina Ballerina **8.55** Rupert **9.05** Ben and Holly **9.25** Mr Men **9.40** Roary **10.00** Mist **10.15** Disney's 12 Days of Christmas **10.20** ThunderCats 7/12 First shown on Cartoon Network (S) **10.55** Meerkat Manor 6/13 Series1 (R)(S)

11.25 Ice Road Truckers Deadliest Roads 10/10 The drivers are loaded with aviation fuel (S)

12.25pm Charley Boorman's Extreme Frontiers
4/4 A Yukon glacier Shown last Monday 8pm (S) (HD) 445598731.30 Disney's 12 Days of Christmas (S) 76959057

1.35-3.25 Mrs Miracle Seasonal romantic drama A multi-tasking nanny comes to the rescue of a widower with two small boys. (2009) (S)(W) 84215279

3.25pm Meet the Santas Seasonal comedy drama, the sequel to Single Santa Seeks Mrs Claus, starring Steve Guttenberg. Even the son of Santa finds he can't escape the opinions of interfering parents and future in-laws when he's planning his wedding. (2005)(S)(W) 32830057

5.05 Scrooge Colourised version of the classic adaptation of Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol, starring Alastair Sim. On Christmas Eve, a tight-fisted businessman is visited by three ghosts who remind him of the true spirit of Christmas.(1951, U) (S) 40146989

7.00 Eddie Stobart's Christmas Delivery During the busiest time of the year the truckers battle harsh conditions to deliver Christmas trees, ensure councils have a sufficient supply of salt and that supermarket shelves are stocked with plenty of festive fare.(S) 2911279

7.55 5 News (S) 5932637

8.00 The Gadget Show Suzi Perry investigates 4G communications, Jason Bradbury examines products due to hit the shops in 2012, and Oris Deley looks ahead to the concept technology that could be around in ten years. (S) 5362786

9.00 Greatest Christmas TV Moments A gargantuan three-hour countdown of 50 favourite Christmas TV moments. The show is festooned with the antics of stalwarts such as Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise - with newsreader Angela Rippon raising a few eyebrows in their 1976 show. Closely followed by Only Fools and Horses stars David Jason and Nicholas Lyndhurst who as Del and Rodney get involved in a chase, while dressed in Batman and Robin costumes. Other TV festive fixtures include The Royle Family, EastEnders, Doctor Who, Coronation Street, Gavin & Stacey and Top of the Pops. Plus contributions from cast and crew.(R) (S) 9399637

12.00 SuperCasino Live gaming. 7055545

4.00am Great Artists Flemish painter Pieter Bruegel the Elder (R) (S) (SL) 93650903

4.25 Divine Designs Churches designed by Christopher Wren. (R) (S) (SL) 93679038

4.50-5.00am Rough Guide to...Beaches Morocco and Kenya. (R) (S) (SL) 83855274

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Monsters vs Aliens **3.10pm**
Animated sci-fi comedy with the voice of Reese Witherspoon



6.00am Breakfast (s)
9.00 The Nativity 2/2 Mary's father begs Joseph to take her to Bethlehem (R) (s) (AD)
10.00 LIVE Christmas Day Eucharist from Lichfield Cathedral Worship and carols (s) (HD) 49187
11.00 Songs of Praise Christmas Day Big Sing Aled Jones hosts from the Royal Albert Hall (s) (HD) 4923477

11.40 Morecambe and Wise 1971 Christmas show (R) (S)
12.25 News: Weather (S) 2445106
12.35pm Kung Fu Panda Animated adventure with Jack Black voicing Po, a fists of fury panda (2008 PG) (s) (AD) (w) (HD) 7784729
2.00 Top of the Pops Christmas With performances by Example, Olly Murs, Adele and Pixie Lott (s) (HD) 25019

3.00-3.10 The Queen Her Majesty's annual address. Signed repeat 5.50pm BBC2 (S) (HD) 8160187
3.10pm Monsters vs Aliens Animated sci-fi comedy with the voice of Reese Witherspoon. When Susan Murphy is struck by a meteorite that endows her with extraordinary powers, she is enlisted by the military to join other "monsters" in defending the Earth from alien invasion. (2009 PG) (S) (AO) (W) (HD) 2375903

4.35 BBC News weather (S) 1768699
4.40 Ratatouille Animated comedy from Pixar with the voice of Patton Oswalt. A young country rat comes to Paris, against all family advice, to seek his destiny as the best chef in all of France. (ZOOT U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 43008699

6.30 The Gruffalo's Child A sequel to the animated adaptation of The Gruffalo by children's laureate Julia Donaldson and illustrator Axel Scheffler featuring the original voice cast. Despite the Gruffalo's cautionary tales of the big, bad mouse, his brave daughter sets off in search of this scary creature. Rptd tomorrow 9.35am (S) (AD) (HD) 816
7.00 Doctor Who The Doctor, the Widow and the Wardrobe. It's Christmas Eve 1938, and Madge Arwell helps an injured spaceman-angel. He promises to repay her kindness. Three years later, Madge escapes war-torn London with her children for a house in Dorset. The Arwells are greeted by a caretaker whose Christmas gift leads them into a magical wintry world. Rptd Tuesday 27 Dec 2.50pm (S) (AD) (HD) 8670

8.00 Strictly Come Dancing In the mood for trying something different, five new celebrities dance to impress the judges and lift the Christmas trophy. Su Pollard, Debra Stephenson, Charlie Brooks, Barry McGuigan and Simon Webbe are joined by some of the 2011 contestants. Presented by Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly. Repeated tomorrow 2pm (S) (AD) (HD) 4090
9.00 EastEnders Shirley makes a discovery about Phil's stalker. Next episode tomorrow 9pm Repeated 11.05pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD) 4854

10.00 Absolutely Fabulous Identity. The unconventional pair make a welcome return. Patsy is forced into trying to find out who she really is by a frightening visitor. Rptd Thursday 29 December 10.20pm (S) (AD) (HD) 85816

10.30 Michael McIntyre's Christmas Comedy Roadshow A festive feast of fun from London's Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, with guests including Jack Dee, Miranda Hart, James Corden, Rob Brydon and David Mitchell. (S) (HD) 65458

11.30 BBC News, Weather (s) 278816
11.45 On Christmas Night. The story of Christ's birth (S) (HD) 728496

11.50 Have I Got a Bit More News for You 10/11. Martin Clunes guest-hosts. (Rev rpt) (s) (HD) 621854

12.30am The Graham Norton Show Guest include Kenneth Branagh and Matt Smith. Shown Fri 8 Dec 10.35pm (S) (HD) 2167713

1.35 The Hot Chick Gender-bender comedy starring Rob Schneider, Anna Farris and Matthew Lawrence. (2002, 12) (S) (W) 617336

3.10 Weatherview (S) 73265930
3.15-6.00am BBC News (S)



Porridge: No Way Out **5.10pm**
Fletch discovers his fellow inmates at Slade Prison are planning to escape.



6.00am CBeebies Charlie and Lola **6.20** Octonauts and the Great Christmas Rescue **6.45** Mister Maker Comes to Town **7.10** CBBC Arthur's Perfect Christmas **8.05** Shaun the Sheep **8.15** What's New Scooby Doo **8.40** Blue Peter Christmas Special **9.05** The Slammer Christmas Special **9.35 The Magic Roundabout** A colourful computer animated expansion of the 1960s TV series (2005 U) (S) (W) 9321583

10.50 The Sword in the Stone Disney animation about the early years of the boy who dreams of becoming the next King of England (1963 U) (S) 1642090
12.10pm Alice's Adventures in Wonderland The Royal Ballet's production at the Royal Opera House with Lauren Cuthbertson in the title role (R) (S) 288477
2.10-3.10 A Musical Nativity with John Rutter The British composer performs carols and other Christmas (S) 2132380

3.10pm The Prince and the Composer The Prince of Wales learns about the work of Hubert Parry, who is responsible for the song Jerusalem and well-loved hymn Dear Lord and Father of Mankind. (R) (S) 6674670
4.40 Dad's Army: Turkey Dinner Can Captain Mainwaring really be a sofite at heart? The senior citizens of Walmington-on-Sea are about to find out. First aired in 1974. (R) (s) 1961336

5.10 Porridge: No Way Out Fletch discovers his fellow inmates at Slade Prison are planning to escape. The Christmas edition of the classic comedy from 1975. (R) (S) 2558729

5.50 The Queen Her Majesty's annual address. Shown 3pm BBC1 (s) (SL) 327187

6.00 Christmas University Challenge 6/8. Two teams of famous graduates compete on behalf of their former universities in the first semi-final of the festive series of the academic quiz. Jeremy Paxman hosts. Next edition Boxing Day 8.30pm. (s) 106

6.30 Darcey Bussell Dances Hollywood The former prima ballerina steps into the shoes of her Hollywood heroes to celebrate the legacy of classic dance musicals. Taking famous routines from her favourite films in that genre, she reveals how they cast their spell, pays tribute to the legends of the art form - including Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers and Gene Kelly - and discovers the legacy they left. She works with leading choreographer Kim Gavin and conductor John Wilson, who has painstakingly reconstructed the original scores. Repeated Friday 30 December 7pm BBC4 (S) Also on BBC HD 69038

8.00 Blackadder the Third: Dish and Dishonesty The new prime minister Pitt the Younger (aged 13 and 3/4) plans to bankrupt the Prince. As usual, Blackadder takes his master's side. (R) (S) 6125

8.30 Ink and Incapability Sycophantic servant Blackadder falls foul of an enraged Dr Johnson (Robbie Coltrane) when Baldrick inadvertently burns the great man's new dictionary With Rowan Atkinson, Tony Robinson, Hugh Laurie and Helen Atkinson-Wood. (R) (S) 5632

9.00 The Toys That Made Christmas Robert Webb takes a light-hearted look back at playthings of the past, offering 40-somethings the chance to reminisce about the days before PlayStations, laptops and iPods. It was a more innocent time when girls spent hours with Barbie and boys were engrossed in trying to bolt together their impossibly fiddly Meccano models. Repeated Tuesday 27 December 11.30pm (S) (AD) Also BBC HD 2895

10.30 James May's Man Lab The presenter tries to make it snow and discovers the easiest way to wrap presents. Shown sun 18 Dec 8pm. Signed rpt Thu 29 Dec 12.35am BBC1 (s) (AD) 83800

11.30 Victoria Wood with All the Trimmings In this comedy special, first aired on Christmas Day 2000, Victoria Wood sends up seasonal television. (R) (S) 176729

12.25am The Many Faces of Les Dawson Profile of the Manchester-born comedian. Shown yesterday 9pm (S) 7577591

1.25 QI Stephen Fry looks at indecision with Phill Jupitus, Rich Hall, Jimmy Carr and Alan Davies. (R) (S) 3323959
1.55-3.15am Beyond a Reasonable Doubt Film noir starring Dana Andrews, Joan Fontaine and Sidney Blackman. (1956, PG) (BW) (S) 5997959



Aladdin **1.15pm**
Animated musical adventure featuring Robin Williams as the voice of the genie.



5.55am Morning News (S) **6.00** CITV Signed Stories **6.10** Boblins **6.35** Special Agent Oso **6.55** Sooty **7.10** Olly the Little White Van **7.15** Annabel's Kitchen **7.25** Monk **7.30** Horrid Henry
7.45 The Borrowers Fantasy adventure starring John Goodman about a diminutive family living under the floorboards. (1997 U) (S) (W) 92013496
9.25 March of the Penguins Disarming nature documentary following the life cycle of emperor penguins. (2005 U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 21618038

11.00 Miracle on 34th Street Christmas fantasy starring Richard Attenborough. An old man thinks he is the real Santa. (1994 U) (S) (W) (HD) 98430038

1.05 News Weather (S) 98940980

1.15pm Aladdin Animated musical adventure featuring Robin Williams as the voice of the genie. (1992 U) (S) (AD) (W) 81849651

3.00 3.10 The Queen. Her Majesty's address (S) 8188583

3.10pm Happy Feet Musical animated adventure featuring the voices of Nicole Kidman, Elijah Wood and Robin Williams. In the freezing Antarctic, Emperor penguins find their soul mate through their own unique "heart song". Unfortunately for young bird Mumble, he can't sing a note, but he can tap dance brilliantly. (2006, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 34159632

5.10 ITV News: Weather (s) 7355106

5.30 New You've Been Framed! Harry Hill takes a festive frolic through hilarious footage, including five ways to kill a snowman. Rptd ITV2 tomorrow 1.45pm, ITV1 Fri 30 Dec 8.30pm (S) 449

6.00 Emmerdale Sparks fly between Debbie and Alicia over dinner. Repeated ITV21.15am and tomorrow 8.30am and 5pm (S) (AD) (HD) 14816

7.00 All Star Family Fortunes Christmas Special Teams from The Only Way Is Essex and Benidorm play for charity. Hosted by Vernon Kay. Rptd ITV1 Bank Holiday Tuesday 3pm and ITV2 Fri 30 Dec 6.45pm (S) (HD) 1598

8.00 Coronation Street Becky fights for her life and Peter strives to keep his promise to Carla. Repeated ITV2 12.10am and tomorrow 7.30am and 4pm (S) (AD) (HD) 6458

9.00 Downton Abbey It's Christmas 1919 and the house is hosting a lavish party, but tensions are rife and Bates' arrest has cast a shadow. Mary must consider her future with Sir Richard Carlisle following a contretemps at a shooting party, while Violet has concerns about Rosamund, whose new suitor Lord Hepworth, is not all he seems. (S) (AD) (HD) 44089800

11.05 ITV News Weather (S) 231125

11.20 Benidorm The Garveys are back to spend Christmas with Mel and Madge Harvey in their luxury hilltop villa. Rptd ITV2 Friday 30 December 9pm (R) (S) (HD) 404564

12.35am The Comedy Annual A clutch of British comedians deliver their verdict on events of 2011. Shown Tuesday 20 December 9pm (S) (HD) 8679201

1.35 The Towering Inferno Disaster movie. On the grand opening night of the world's tallest skyscraper, a fire breaks out. (1974, 15) (S) (W) (HD) 65567713

4.20 Kojak A photographer is suspected of a jewel theft and a phony kidnapping. (R) (S) (SL) 9288572
5.15-5.55am Nightscreen Text information.



Ice Age 3: Dawn of the Dinosaurs **7.15pm**
Animated comedy adventure with the voices of Ray Romano and John Leguizamo.



6.10am The Ugly Duckling and **Me** Animated adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen story (2006 U) (S) (W) (HD) 4471274

7.40 The Simpsons Double bill (R) (S)

8.30 James and the Giant Peach Part animated fantasy adventure based on Roald Dahl's . (1996 U) (s) (w) 95038

10.00 Gordon's Christmas Cook-a-long Live Gordon Ramsay hosts a live guide to Christmas cooking (HD)

2.00pm Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas Festive spin off of the animated films with the voice of Leguizamo (S) (HD) 8729

2.30-3.00 The Snowman Raymond Briggs's classic animation about a boy whose snowman come to life. (R) (S) 6478136

3.00pm Celebrity Come Dine with Me Janice Dickinson, Calum Best, Jeff Brazier and Sam Fox go head to head. Will Jeff's cooking cut the mustard, and will Calum be able to cope with Janice's outrageous flirting? (R) (S) 9206106

4.05 Channel 4 News Sport, Weather (s) 6478135

4.15 The Alternative Christmas Message A counterpoint to the Queen's broadcast. (s) 9266908

4.20 Deal or No Deal: Deal Panto A festive edition of the game show, featuring contestants portraying pantomime characters. (S) (AD) 2522831

5.20 Big Comedy starring Tom Hanks. At a fairground fortune-telling booth, 12-year-old Josh Baskin wishes that he could be "big". The next morning he is astonished to find himself fully grown. He soon learns that, in the adult world, being a grown-up is not all it's cracked up to be. (1988, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 77398187

7.15 Ice Age 3: Dawn of the Dinosaurs Animated comedy adventure with the voices of Ray Romano and John Leguizamo. Sid the Sloth grows jealous of his mammoth pal Manny's impending fatherhood, and "adopts" three eggs that hatch into baby dinosaurs. The arrival of the mother - a T Rex - soon opens up a new world to Sid and his herd. (2009, U) (S) (W) (HD) 73541496

9.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man: Christmas Special Alan is joined by Ruth Jones, who talks about her new drama, Stella. Plus David Walliams drops by, and Jedward are on hand to cause mayhem in the studio. Music comes from the newly reformed Steps, who perform a medley of their hits. Rptd on Tuesday 27 December; at 11.05pm on C4 and at 11.50pm on E4 (S) (HD) 7564

10.00 Rude Tube: Epic Christmas Alex Zane counts down 10 of the most bizarre Yuletide clips to hit the internet. Bad santas, mad dogs, extreme carol singers and the world's fastest Christmas tree are just a few of the oddities. (S) (HD) 9589485

11.05 So This Is Christmas Comedians relive memories, both good and bad, of Christmases past, as they explore the gulf between our idealistic Yuletide fantasies and the sometimes crushing disappointment of reality. (S) (HD) 924293

12.05am Eight out of Ten Cats: Christmas Special Guests include Liza Tarbuck, Arlene Phillips and Keith Harris and Orville. Shown Friday 23 Dec 9pm (S) 31480572

1.05 4thought.tv Christmas discussed (S) (HD) 29283510

1.10 American Football Live Coverage of Green Bay Packers v Chicago Bears (kick-off 1.20). (S) 87950997

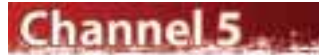
4.45 Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind A teenager talks about rally driving. (R) 23969794

4.50 Postmodern Pastimes Bee keeping. (R) (S) 23957959

5.00 Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show Featuring Britain's top female swimmers and judo champion Ben Oulter. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) 5648626
5.25-6.20am Scrapheap Challenge Teams create medieval-style throwing machines. (R) (S) (SL) 7455713



Mrs Santa Claus **3.45pm**
Musical starring Angela Lansbury, Michael Jeter and Charles Durning



5.00am Milkshake! Hana's Helpline **5.10** Milkshake! Show

5.35 Thomas & Friends **5.45** Roary **6.00** Peppa **6.05** Fifi **6.15** Fireman Sam **6.35** Castle Farm **6.45** Igam Ogam **6.55** Roobarb and Custard **7.00** Milkshake! Show **7.25** Noddy **7.35** Bert and Ernie **7.45** Little Princess **8.05** Milkshake Monkey **8.10** Angelina Ballerina **8.25** Rupert Bear **8.45** Ben and Holly **9.00** Mist: The Tale of a Sheepdog Puppy **10.30** Trailer Horn **10.35** Animal Rescue Squad (R) (s)

10.55 Andre Rieu's Christmas Spectacular. The acclaimed violinist's festive performance (s)

11.55 Lee Road Truckers 687/16 Series 4 (R) (s) (HD) 70785903

1.55 Disney's 12 Days of Christmas Cars animation (S) 2678583

2.00-3.45pm Miracle In Manhattan Seasonal fantasy about an old lady who brings Christmas spirit to a struggling department store (2010 PG) (S) 2678583

3.45pm Mrs Santa Claus Musical starring Angela Lansbury, Michael Jeter and Charles Durning. In 1910, a bored Mrs Santa Claus takes her husband's sleigh for a spin and crash-lands in Manhattan's multicultural Lower East Side just before Christmas. (1996, U) (S) 8631274

5.30 The Santa Suit Festive fantasy starring Kevin Sorbo as Drake Hunter, the ruthless and uncaring boss of a toy company for whom Christmas means just one thing - profit. But then a very special visitor arrives to work his magic and Drake's attitude changes dramatically. (2010) (S) 38158458

7.25 The Christmas Card Romantic drama starring John Newton, Alice Evans and Edward Asner. American serviceman Cody receives an encouraging Christmas card from a woman in California, and decides to track her down when his tour of duty in Afghanistan is over. (2006) (S) (W) 60608767

9.05 Eddie Stobart's Christmas Delivery. The truckers battle harsh conditions to deliver Christmas trees, ensure councils have a sufficient supply of salt and that supermarket shelves are stocked with plenty of festive fare. Shown yesterday 7pm. 7103309

10.00 Britain's Favourite Christmas Songs. Even those who dismiss seasonal songs as festive cheese are bound to find something to hum along to as some of the best-known tunes are recalled, from the Jackson 5's Santa Claus Is Coming to Town and Mud's Lonely This Christmas to Jona Lewie's Stop the Cavalry, Greg Lake's I Believe in Father Christmas, the Pogues and Kirsty MacColl's Fairytale of New York and the Waitresses' Christmas Wrapping. Plus a look at how the songs and their videos were created. Repeated tomorrow 7.05pm Channel 5 and Thursday 29 December 9pm 5* (S) 9360125

1.00am SuperCasino Gaming. 90360626

3.55 Meals in Moments With hairdresser Nicky Clarke. (R) (S) 85951256

4.05 Nick's Quest Discovering the plight of Orinoco crocodiles. (R) (S) (SL) 93553046

4.30-5.00am Divine Designs Examining religious architecture. (R) (S) (SL) 2845249

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The Royal Bodyguard **9.30pm**
David Jason stars as Guy Hubble, in the first part of a six episode drama series.



6.00am Breakfast (S)
9.00 Shaun the Sheep
9.10 The Gruffalo. Enchanting animation
9.35 The Gruffalo's Child. Animated adaptation of the children's book, featuring the voice of Robbie Coltrane.
10.00 The Jungle Book 2 * Animated adventure in which man-cub Mowgli returns to the jungle to see his old friend Baloo. 2003, U (S) 9566571
11.10 Beverly Hill Chihuahau. Fantasy comedy about a pampered pooch who is dog-napped. (2008, U) (S) (W) (HD) 5794152
12.35pm BBC News Weather, Regional News (S) 1156201

12.55 The Morecambe and Wise Christmas Show. Seasonal special from 1976, with guests including Elton John, Des O'Connor and Angela Rippon. (R) (S) 5424065
2.00-3.00 Strictly Come Dancing. Celebrities compete for the Christmas trophy. Shown yesterday 8pm (S) (HD) 22510

3.00pm Winter Wipeout. 2/12 A Christmas tree seller and a Christmas pudding maker face the course. Shown Christmas Eve 4.50pm (S) 6510

4.00 Shrek 2 **** Energetic sequel to the hit animated fantasy comedy, featuring the voice of Mike Myers. On arriving back from their honeymoon, Shrek and Princess Fiona are invited to stay with her parents. (2004, U) (S) (AD) (W) 8161775

5.25 BBC News Regional News, Weather 1599775
5.40 Jim'll Fix It with Shane Richie. The Eastenders star steps into the late Sir Jimmy Savile's shoes for this one-off tribute to the show. (S) (HD) 729133

6.10 Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa ** Animated comedy sequel featuring the voices of Ben Stiller, Chris Rock and David Schwimmer. The escaped animals from Central Park Zoo try to fly back to Madagascar but are forced down in the wilds of Africa (2008, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 7447404

7.30 The Borrowers. A new version of Mary Norton's magical tale. Arrietty and her family are little people who live under the floorboards, but they have to flee when they are discovered by the "human beans". (S) (AD) (HS) 31336

9.00 Eastenders. The entire Square is endangered as Yusuf seeks revenge on Zainab and Masood. Omnibus tomorrow 12.50pm. Repeated 10.30pm BBC3 (S) (AD) (HD)

9.30 The Royal Bodyguard. New series. 1/6. The Limping Assassin. David Jason stars as Guy Hubble, whose first assignment as royal bodyguard is to investigate an assassination plot against a member of the royal family. (S) (AD) (HD) 38268

10.00 Mrs Brown's Boys. New series. 1/7. Series 2. The hit comedy returns with a festive special, in which Agnes tries to arrange the perfect Christmas for her family. (S) (HD) 99881

10.30 BBC News Weather (S) 755733

10.45 Match of the Day. Featuring Chelsea v Fulham and Man United v Wigan. Repeated tomorrow 8.05am (S) (HD) 680794

12.15am The Guardian *** Thrilling action adventure Kevin Costner and Ashton Kutcher as competing Coast Guard rescue divers. (2006, 12) (S) (W) 5 8779331

2.30 Weatherview (S) 5291824

2.35-3.35 Sign Zone. Signed. Repeats not indicated.

2.35 Holby City. Shown Tues 20 December 8pm (S) (AD) 8798621

3.35-6.00am BBC News (S)



Becoming Jane **5.10pm**
Writer Jane Austen falls in love with a penniless lawyer in this romantic drama.



6.00am CBeebies. Show Me, Show me: Christmas Special
6.25 Soomthing Special: A Christmas Special
6.45 Rastamouse: Tinie Tinsel
7.00 CBBC Who Let The Dogs Out?
7.25 Sam & Mark's Big Friday Wind Up
7.55 Junior Bake Off
8.25 CBeebies Panto: Strictly Cinderella. The gang present a dance version of the tale.
8.55 Pixar: 25 Magic Moments. Documentary. (R) (S) 9551681
9.55 Heidi *** Adventure drama starring Emma Bolger as the Swiss orphan, with Max von Sydow and Diana Rigg. (2005, U) (S) (W) 25678959

11.30 The Crimson Wing *** Wildlife documentary featuring spectacular footage of flamingos in Tanzania. (2008, PG) (S) (W) 8154539

12.45-2.35pm Mansfield Park **** Spirited dramatization of the Jane Austen story, starring Frances O'Connor. (1999, 15) (S) (W) 74165688

2.35pm Emma **** Period drama based on Jane Austen's novel. In a corner of early-19th-century England, young Emma Woodhouse (Gwyneth Paltrow) spends so much time meddling in the affairs of others that she fails to recognize her own longings. (1996, U) (S) (W) 440171

4.30 Final Score. Gabby Logan presents the classified results. (S) 2731161

5.10 Becoming Jane *** Biographical romantic drama starring Anne Hathaway and James McAvoy. In 1795, fledgling writer Jane Austen becomes romantically involved with penniless Irish lawyer Tom Leffroy and dreams of marrying her love.

7.00 Springwatch Christmas Special. Kate Humble and Chris Packham are joined by Martin Hughes-Games to follow the fortunes of wildlife at the Ynys-Irth nature reserve in Powys, home to red kites, herons, egrets and pied flycatchers. There, they look back at the wildlife highlights from a year of broadcasts. (S) 39220

8.30 Christmas Univeristy Challenge. 7/8. Two teams of famous graduates compete on behalf of their former universities in the second semi-final of this festive series of the academic quiz. The final is tomorrow at 6.30pm/ (S) 1161

9.00 Jane Austen: the Unseen Portrait? Despite being one of our most famous authors, we have very little idea of what Jane Austen actually looked like. Now, biographer Dr Paula Byrne think she has found a portrait that has been lost for two centuries. Can this picture stand up to forensic analysis and scrutiny by art historians? And how might it change our image of the author? Matha Kearney joins Br Byrne to find out. (S) (AD) 2423

10.00 Victoria Wood: Seen on TV. The comedian looks back over her enormously successful TV career, which began in earnest during the 1980s. Featuring famous sketches - including Acorn Antiques, the much loved Crossroads spoof - stand-up routines and songs from her repertoire. (R) (S) 91997

11.30 Ruth Jones's Christmas Cracker. The Gavin & Stacey star is joined by former writing partner James Corden, singer Lulu and comic Micky Flanagan. With music from Manic Street Preachers. Shown Wednesday 21 December at 10pm (S) 589442

12.10am QI. Stephen Fry looks at invertebrates with Srah Millican, Jimmy Carr, Johnny Vegas and Alan Davies. (R) (S) 3131263

12.40 Grumpy Guide to Food. Famous faces share their gripes about modern cuisine, including celebrity chefs and the price of organic produce. (R) (S) 6242718

1.10 Cat People **** Psychological horror starring Simone Simon. A newlywed's jealousy of her husband's lover reveals her power to transform into a ferocious feline. (1942, PG) (BW) (S) 4590485

2.20-3.35am BBC News (S)



Harry Potter and The Chamber of Secrets **11.20pm**
The second installation to the Harry Potter saga, starring Daniel Radcliffe.



5.55am Morning News (S)
6.00 CITY Supernormal
6.10 Sponge Bob Square Pants
6.20 Horrid Henry
6.35 Almost Naked Animals
7.05 Fleabag Monkeyface
7.35 Monk
7.40 The Adventures of Pinocchio ** Fantasy adventure about a woodcarver, featuring creatures from the Jim Henson workshop. (1996, U) 92909249
9.25 Best Ever Christmas Films. Phillip Schofield presents a compendium of family favourites (R) (S)
10.25 Goodnight Mister Tom. Gentle Second World War drama starring John Thaw. (R) (AD) (S) (HD) 2335775
12.20 News, Weather (S)

12.30pm Garfield: A Tale of Two Kitties *** Family comedy sequel in which the laconic feline heads for London. (2006, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 40171

2.00-3.30 50 Greatest Harry Potter Moments. The best scenes from the magical saga, plus interviews with cast members and celebrity fans (R) (S) (HD) 74881

3.30pm Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets **** Fantasy adventure sequel to The Philosophers Stone, starring Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint and Emma Watson. When Harry, Ron and Hermione return to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry for a new term, they discover a sinister message written in blood on a wall. Is it a sign that the dark forces of Lord Voldemort have infiltrated the school? (2002, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 67768317

6.30 News; Weather (S) 194084

6.30 Emmerdale. Debbie makes a controversial proposition to Andy. Moira is determined to fight for her family. Amy attempts to explain her decision to Val. Repeated ITV2 1.20am and tomorrow 8.30am and 5.30pm (S) (AD) (HD) 133

7.00 The Unforgettable...Ernie Wise. A profile of the man who made up half of one of the most popular double acts in British entertainment history. Home movies and testimony from friends, family and colleagues combine to chart his personal and professional life. (S) 3715

8.00 Coronation Street. Sophie's suggestion shocks Sian. Eva is devastated after Nick's confession. Becky resorts to drastic measures in an attempt to clear her name. Repeated ITV2 12.15am and tomorrow 4.30pm (S) (AD) (HD) 9713

9.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot. The Clocks. David Suchet stars once again as the Belgian sleuth, who is called in to help on a case in which an unidentified corpse has been discovered in a blind woman's house, surrounded by stopped clocks. Convinced that the complicated set-up is a smokescreen, Poirot sets about exposing the culprit. (S) (AD) (HD) 9572

11.00 ITV News, Weather (S) 323336

11.15 Gladiator **** Oscar-winning period epic. Rome, the second century AD: dying emperor Marcus Aurelius chooses the city's beloved general, Maximus Decimus Meridius, as his successor - resulting in a power struggle with Aurelius's son Commodus, who sentences Maximus and his family to death. The general escapes, but he and Commodus are destined to meet again. (2000, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 29858404

2.05am Vertigo **** Classic psychological thriller with James Stewart and Kim Novak. A detective resigns from the force when his fear of heights leads to a colleague's death. A friend then persuades him to trail his suicidal wife, but he falls for his quarry. (1958, PG) (S) (SL) (W) (HD) 268 2911

4.10-5.55am Nightscreen Text information.



Home Alone **7.05pm**
Eight year old Kevin McAllister's wish to be free of his family comes true one Christmas.



6.20am The Treacle People
6.30 Benji the Hunted ** Children's adventure. A little dog is forced to fend for himself when he becomes separated from his master (1987, U) (S) (W) 66959
8.00 The Bear. Raymond Briggs animation. (R) (S) (AD)
8.30 The Morning Line. Racing previews. (S) (HD)
9.25 The Big Bang Theory. Double bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
10.25 Simpsons. Double bill. (R) (S) (AD)
11.25 Bugsy Malone **** Alan Parker's vibrant spoof gangster musical, starring Scott Baio, Jodie Foster. (1976, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
1.15-3.40pm LIVE Racing. Coverage from Kempton of the King George VI Chase at 3.00, plus races at 1.50, 2.25, 3.35 and from Wetherby at 2.05. (S) (HD) 26289881
3.40pm The Simpsons. Kill Gil, Volumes I & II. Marge turfs out an unwanted Christmas houseguest. (R) (S) (AD) 7164591

4.10 Deal or No Deal: Deal Panto. Hosted by Noel Edmonds. (S) (AD) 8621620

5.10 Christmas Coach Trip. 11/15. The next stop is Lapland. (S) (HD) 1127220

5.45 Channel 4. News, Sport, weather (S) 524775

6.00 4thought.tv. Canon James Rosenthal shares his thoughts on St Nicholas. (S) (HD) 183978

6.05 Hollyoaks. A desperate Doug makes an alarming decision. Shown Friday 23 December 7pm on E4 Repeated tomorrow 2.10pm on E4. The next episode follows on E4 (S) (AD) (HD) 559862

6.35 Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special. Linda Nolan welcomes Bianca Gascoigne, Colin Baker, Danny Young and Nick Bateman for a Jack and the Beanstalk-inspired dinner party. The series continues each weekday evening. (S) (HD) 440775

7.05 Home Alone **** Comedy. Eight-year-old Kevin McAllister's wish to be free of his family is realised when they accidentally set off without him for a Christmas break in Paris. (1990, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 17459775

9.00 Bear's Wild Weekend with Miranda. Adventurer Bear Grylls challenges comedy writer and actress Miranda Hart to go far beyond her comfort zone during an expedition in the Swiss Alps. She traverses a glacier crosses crevasses roped to Bean and completes a huge boulder scramble. (S) (AD) 7591

10.00 Chris Moyles's Christmas Quiz Night. 5/8. The Radio 1 DJ is joined by James Corden, Olly Murs, Louie Spence, Tulisa Contostavlos, Paul O'Grady, Frank Skinner and Britney Spears. (S) (HD) 283201

10.50 Father Ted: Unintelligent Design. The first of two documentaries tonight about the acclaimed comedy series as Graham Linehan and Arthur Mathews relive the creation of their classic series, an episode of which follows at 12.25am. (R) (S) 244201

11.20 Small, Far Away - the World of Father Ted. Graham Linehan and Arthur Mathews return to Craggy Island, visiting locations used in their series Father Ted on a road trip across Ireland. (R) (S) 406713

12.25am Father Ted. 6/8. Series 3. Kicking Bishop Brennan Up the A***. Ted must carry out a terrifying forfeit after losing a bet to a rival priest. (R) (S) 3140911

12.55 Random Acts Accidents Down Under (S) 7342468

1.00 The Godfather **** Classic crime drama starring Marlon Brando. Mafia boss Don Corleone is determined his family should keep control of its criminal empire. English, Italian & subtitles. The Godfather Part II is on Thursday 29 December at 12.20am (1972, 15) (S) (W) (HD) 19596282

4.05 London's Burning. Dramatisation of the August 2011 riots in London. Shown Tues 22 Dec 9pm (S) (HD) 4637640

5.00 World War II: the Last Heroes 5/6. A soldier remembers his baptism of fire. (R) (S) (HD) 7403350

5.55-6.40am Brothers & Sisters. 8/24. Series 4. Nora is feeling self-conscious. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 6211244



Dirty Dancing **10.00pm**
Classic romantic drama starring Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey.



5.00am Milkshake! Hana's Helpline **5.10** Milkshake! Show **5.35** Thomas and Friends **5.45** Roary **6.00** Thomas and Friends **6.10** The WotWots **6.20** City of Friends: Christmas Special **6.50** Peppa Pig **7.00** Castle Farm **7.05** Little Princess **7.15** Mr Men **7.30** Thomas and Friends **7.40** Noddy in Toyland **7.50** Fifi **8.00** Peppa Pig **8.20** Roary **8.35** Bananas in Pyjamas **8.50** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **9.05** Bert and Ernie **9.10** Mr Men **9.25** Hana's Helpline **9.40** Mist

10.00 Thunderscats. 8/12. First shown on Cartoon Network (S)

10.35 Meerkat Manor. Double Bill. (R) (S)

11.35 Ice Road Truckers (R) (S) (HD)

12.35 News (S)

12.45-3.10pm The Producers ** Musical comedy remake starring Nathan Lane, Matthew Boderick and Uma Thurman. (2005, 12) (S) (W) 48610794

3.10pm Seven Brides for Seven Brothers. Rousing musical. When a young Oregon rancher brings his new wife back home, she is horrified to discover that she has to look after his six unruly brothers. Eventually the boys realise that what they need are wives of their own. (1954, U) (S) (W) 15443355

5.10 The Wizard of Oz. Classic musical fantasy. When a huge tornado hits Dorothy's home in Kansas, she is whisked off far away into a strange and dazzling world. There she must escape the clutches of the Wicked Witch of the West and find her way to the Emerald City. (1939, U) (S) 40007046

7.05 Britain's Favourite Christmas Songs. Even those who dismiss seasonal songs as festive cheese are bound to find something to hum along to as some of the best-known tunes are recalled, from the Jackson 5's Santa Claus Is Coming to Town and Mud's Lonely This Christmas to Jona Lewie's Stop the Cavalry, Greg Lake's I Believe in Father Christmas, The Pogues and Kirsty MacColl's Fairytale of New York and the Waitresses' Christmas Wrapping. Plus a look at how the songs and their videos were created. Shown yesterday 10pm Repeated Thursday 29 December 9pm 5* (S) 46721794

10.00 Dirty Dancing **** Romantic drama. Teenager Frances "Baby" Houseman arrives at a mountain resort hotel with her family in the summer of 1963. Bored by family games, she meets Johnny Castle, who teaches her the art of "dirty dancing". (1987, 12) (S) (W) (HD) 92024997

12.05am Fragile * Horror thriller starring Calista Flockhart and Richard Roxburgh. Amy Nicholls arrives at the Mercy Falls Children's Hospital as a night nurse, and it becomes apparent that something sinister is lurking in the building. (2005, 15) (W) 5352805

2.00 SuperCasino Gaming. 1338466

4.00 Meals in Moments. Andrea McLean makes a chilled tomato soup. (R) (S) 16733992

4.10 Grey's Anatomy. 19/24. Series 5. Elevator Love Letter. Izzie prepares for a difficult operation. First shown on Living 3581337

4.55 County Secrets. Historical spotlight on counties in the UK. (R) (S) (SL) 53118621

5.10-6.00am House Doctor. Double bill of home improvements. (R) (S) (SL) 6679621

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Shrek The Third 6.05pm
When his father-in-law becomes ill, Shrek is expected to become ruler of Far Far Away.



6.00am Breakfast With Jon Kay and Louise Minchin. (S)
8.05 Match of the Day shown yesterday 10.45pm (S)
9.40 The Road to El Dorado Animated adventure about the search for the fabled city of gold. Voice of Kevin Kline. (2000, U) (s) (w) 9275350
11.00 Hotel for Dogs Comedy about orphaned siblings who set up a refuge for abandoned pooches. (2008, U) (S) (w) (HD) 79772737
12.35pm BBC News Weather; Regional News (S) 16565911

12.50 EastEnders Omnibus edition. (S) (AD) (HD) 55519621

2.50-3.50 Doctor Who A family leave war-torn London for Dorset and enter a magical wintry world. Shown Christmas Day 7pm Rptd Wed 28 7pm BBC3 (S) (AD) (HD) 5507244

3.50pm Bedtime Stories Fantasy comedy. A handyman at a hotel discovers that the bedtime stories he tells his sister's children - based on his own dreams - are beginning to have an impact on the real world. (2008, PG) (S) (W) (HD) 2260553

5.20 BBC News Regional News; Weather(s) 1561116
5.35 Celebrity Mastermind New series. 1/10. Jay Rayner, Simon Calder, OJ Borg and Antony Costa are tested on Sondheim's musicals, Concordia, the Star Wars trilogy and Only Fools and Horses. More tomorrow 6.30pm. (S) (HD) 757534

6.05 Shrek the Third Animated fantasy comedy. When his father-in-law becomes ill, Shrek is expected to become ruler of Far Far Away. But the grumpy green ogre would rather live the quiet life. (2007 U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 1159843

7.30 EastEnders Michael offers to help Pat get rid of Derek. Repeated 10.30pm BBC3 (S) (AD) (HD) 398

8.00 Holly City Wise Men. Elliot's Ukrainian Christmas trip takes an unexpected turn when he finds he has been invited there under false pretences. Sacha's determination to spread festive cheer looks likely to cost him dearly. (S) (AD) (HD) 8824

9.00 Great Expectations New series. 1/3. Ray Winstone, Gillian Anderson, David Suchet and Douglas Booth star in Sarah Phelps's bold new dramatisation of Charles Dickens's classic tale. When young orphan Pip runs into an escaped convict, the encounter has far-reaching consequences. Continues tomorrow 9pm. Showing on BBC HD at 10pm Signed repeat tomorrow 1.30am (S) (AD) (HD) 8060

10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (s) 656553
Followed by National Lottery Update (S)

10.15 John Bishop's Britain Filmed in front of a live audience, the comedian presents a Christmas special, featuring stand-up and sketches, with guest Noddy Holden Series producer Jonno Richards. Repeated Friday 30 December 11.05pm (S) (HD) 794534

10.45 Tropic Thunder Comedy action adventure. While filming an epic Vietnam War movie in the jungle, a group of actors find themselves fighting for their lives when they stumble across armed drug lords. (2008, 15) (S) (W) (HD) 24511992

12.25am The Heartbreak Kid Romantic comedy from the Farrelly brothers, with Ben Stiller and Michelle Monaghan. (2007, 15)(S)(W) 6464848

2.15 Weatherview (S) 6464848

2.20-4.20 Sign Zone Signed. Repeats not indicated

2.20 Frozen Planet 5/7 Winter arrives. (S) (AD) 1809596

3.20 Raymond Blanc's Christmas Feast Shown last Friday 8pm BBC2 (S) 5800886 4.20-6.00am BBC News (S) 8861119



Three Men Go to New England 9.00pm
Rory McGrath, Griff Rhys Jones and Dara O Brain head to the USA



6.00am CBeebies Little Charley Bear 6.05 Adventures of Ahney St Teal Neep encounters fireflies. **6.20** Raa Raa the Noisy Lion **6.30** Octonauts **6.45** Mike the Knight **7.00** CBBC Who Let the Dogs Out? **7.30** Sam & Mark's Big Friday Wind Up **8.00** Junior Bake-Off **8.30** Ooglies **8.45** Deadly 60 Steve Backshall travels to Uganda.
9.15 Camp Rock Musical romantic comedy starring Demi Lovato and pop princes the Jonas Brothers. (2008, U) (S) (w) 802447
10.45 Madagascar The island's wildlife. (R) (s) (AD) 336669

11.45 Yellowstone The rigours of winter (R) (s) (AD) 325553

12.45pm LIVE Racing From Chepstow. (s) 90752533

3.05-3.15 Watching the Wild: Cornish Seals (R) (S) 8021244

3.15pm Coast The team visits Brittany, northern France. (R) (s) (AD) 614331

4.15 Flog It! From Clacton-on-Sea, Essex. (Revised rpt) (S) 8996116

5.00 Escape to the Country Properties in Devon that have featured on the show. (R) (S) 5227256

5.45 Antiques Road Trip Mark Stacey and Charlie Ross leave Stoke-on-Trent to search for antique treasures in Cheshire. (R) (s) 273805

6.30 Christmas University Challenge 8/8. Jeremy Paxman presents the final of the festive contest which has seen famous alumni competing for their former universities. (S) 156

7.00 Hi-de-Hil! Peggy's Big Chance. Jeffrey arranges an interview for Peggy, whose ambition is to become a Yellowcoat (R) (S) 2553

7.30 Dad's Army Museum Piece. Weapons are scarce, so Mainwaring goes to a museum to see if any of the guns on display can be used by his newly formed platoon. (BW) (R) (s) 640

8.00 You Have Been Watching... David Croft Whether as written director or producer David Croft had a hand in five of the most successful sitcoms in British television history - Dads Army, Are You Being Served?, It Ain't Half Hot Mum, Hi-de-Hil and 'Allo! 'Allo! Here, friends, family and those who worked with him pay tribute to the TV comedy genius, who died in September aged 89. (S) 6466

9.00 Three Men Go to New England 1/2. Rory McGrath, Griff Rhys Jones and Dara O Brain head to the USA on a mission to find a boat suitable for a parade celebrating the 125th anniversary of the Statue of Liberty. They begin their quest at America's oldest boat shop, Lowell's in Massachusetts, whose owner takes them to the port of Gloucester on the 20th anniversary of the "perfect storm". Concludes tomorrow at 9.30pm. (S) (AD) 6602

10.00 QI Stephen Fry gets a little inventive with Nina Conti, Sean Lock, Bill Bailey and Allan Davies. (R) (s) 74398
10.30 I've Never Seen Star Wars Jo Brand hosts a spin-off of the Radio 4 show, inviting QI host Stephen Fry to try cultural experiences he has previously avoided. He agrees to have his ear pierced for the first time, steps into the ring for a boxing lesson, settles down in front of the very first episode of Only Fools and Horses and tries to assemble a piece of flat-pack furniture. (S) 50718

11.00 Mock the Week Another edition of the topical comedy quiz, presented by Dara O Brain. (R) (s) 1805

11.30 The Toys That Made Christmas Robert Webb takes a look back at Christmases past through the toys people played with over the years, such as Barbie dolls and Meccano. (S) (AD) 77379

1.00am The Grumpy Guide to... Work Cynical celebrities share tips on how to make the most out of work. (R) (S) 61461

1.30 I Walked with a Zombie Atmospheric horror starring Tom Conway and Frances Dee. A Canadian nurse is brought to a Caribbean island to care for an invalid suffering from a rare form of paralysis. (1943, PG) (BW) (S) 1895848

2.35-4.20am BBC News (S)



Susan Boyle: An Unlikely Superstar 8.00pm
Following the life of the shy Scot



5.55am Morning News (S) **6.00** Children's Supernormal **6.10** SpongeBob SquarePants **6.20** Horrid Henry **6.35** Almost Naked Animals Double bill.
7.05 The Prince and the Pauper Period adventure starring Mark Lester, Oliver Reed and Raquel Welch. (1977, PG) (s) 87042466

9.25 King Ralph Comedy starring John Goodman as the unlikely heir to the British throne. With Peter O'Toole, John Hurt. (1991, PG) (s) (w) 26871485

11.15 ITV News Weather; Regional News (S)

11.30 From Time to Time Fantasy adventure about a boy transported back in time to solve a Napoleonic mystery. Starring Maggie Smith and Timothy Spall. (2009, PG) (S) (AD) (w) (HD) 85596350

1.20pm Cats & Dogs Part-animated comedy about Ea Beagle puppy roped into a war on felines. Jeff Goldblum stars. (2001, PG) (S) (w) (HD) 24354398

3.00-4.00 All Star Family Fortunes Christmas Special The Only Way is Esxe v Benidorm. Shown Christmas Day 7pm (S) (HD) 8195

4.00pm You've Been Framed! Clips include teenagers behaving badly, a dog that eats gas bills and a dive-bombing bunny. (R) (S) 553

4.30 The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor Period horror adventure starring Brendan Fraser and Jet Li. Intrepid explorers Rick and Evelyn O'Connell come out of retirement to join their archaeologist son Alex in a race to prevent the resurrected Dragon Emperor from taking over the world. (2008, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 66756

6.30 Regional News weather (s) 902118

6.45 ITV News Weather (s) 925669

7.00 Emmerdale Andy and Debbie reckon with the consequences of their decision, while a furious Zak threatens Sean after he sees him kissing Belle. Rptd ITV2 1.05am and tomorrow 6am and 12.30pm (S) (AD) (HD) 6379

7.30 The Adventurer's Guide to Britain 6/6. Secret Exmoor: Gethin Jones scales a hundred-year-old oak tree as he learns a new adventure sport, while Charlotte Uhlenbroek has a memorable encounter with Exmoor's famous wild ponies. The highlight of the trip is a night-time vigil listening in on a nocturnal creature - while suspended 30 feet in the air (S) (HD) 466

8.00 Susan Boyle: An Unlikely Superstar Following the life of the shy Scot, who's coming to terms with unexpected fame and fortune after her appearances on Britain's Got Talent in 2009 made her a global singing sensation. (R) (S) (HD) 3992

9.00 Fast Freddie, the Widow and Me Heartwarming drama with Laurence Fox as Jonathan Donald, a wealthy luxury car dealer who must confront his prejudices when a drink-driving offence sees him sentenced to community service at a support centre for young adults. There he meets widowed organiser Laura and terminally-ill Freddie. (S) (AD) (HD) 7843

10.30 King Kong Breathtaking period fantasy adventure starring Naomi Watts, Jack Black and Adrien Brody. A group of intrepid movie-makers set off from New York on a danger-filled expedition to the fabled Skull Island. However little do they know that the place is also home to an enormous ape. Continues after the news. (2005, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 41466

11.30 ITV News Weather; Regional Weather (s) 172824

11.45 King Kong Conclusion of the adventure. (S) (AD) (w) (HD) 25224621

2.10am Rugby Union Premiership games played over the holiday period. Shown ITV4 8pm (S) 1814428

3.05 Kojak Crockier is kidnapped by a suspect in Las Vegas. Guest-starring Liberace. (R) (S) (SL) 9398206

3.55-5.55am Nightscreen Text information.



The Simpsons 6.00pm
Crook and Ladder: Homer Moe, Apu and Principal Skinner become firefighters.



6.40am Children's Sali Mali **6.45** The Treacle People **6.55** The Hoobs **7.20** Famous Fred **7.50** Little Wolf **8.15** Perfect Couples First shown on E4 (s) (HD) **8.40** Everybody Loves Raymond Double bill. (R) (S) **9.40** Frasier Double bill. (R) (s) **10.40** The Big Bang Theory First shown on E4 (S) (HD) **11.30** The Simpsons Double bill. (R) (s) (AD) 97805
12.30pm Five Children and It Period fantasy adventure featuring Eddie Izzard as the voice of the sand fairy It. (2004, u) (S) 58263992
2.15-4.00 Penelope Fantasy drama about a secret family curse, starring Christina Ricci and James McAvoy. (2006, U) (S) (W)(HD) 854350
4.00pm Deal or No Deal: Deal Panto Contestants don pantomime garb as Noel the Genie grants some Christmas wishes. (s) (AD) 5244

5.00 Christmas Coach Trip 12/15. The tourists arrive in the Finnish town of Rovaniemi, where they play tenpin bowling and take part in a festive food fight. (s) (HD) 7485

5.30 Celebrity Come Dine with Me: Extra Portions Interior designer Linda Barker hosts the first dinner party, and is joined by guests Peter Stringfellow, Lee Ryan and Michelle Heaton. (R) (S) (HD) 331

6.00 The Simpsons Crook and Ladder: Homer Moe, Apu and Principal Skinner become firefighters. (R) (S) (AD) 244

6.30 Hollyoaks Joel wonders whether he should leave the village and Mercedes questions her parenting skills. Shown yesterday 7pm on E4 Repeated tomorrow 2.10pm on E4 The next episode follows on E4 (S) (AD) (HD) 324

7.00 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather(s) 607911

7.25 4thought.tv A Christian hip-hop artist reveals what Christmas means to him. (S) (Hpl) 334553

7.30 Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special. "Nasty" Nick Bateman has planned an evening based on Dickens's A Christmas Carol. But his guests are concerned that he has taken too readily to his part as Scrooge when they witness the miserly portions on their plates. (s) (HD) 468

8.00 Big Fat Gypsy Christmas A glimpse into life within an Irish travelling community as they prepare for Christmas in 2010 - a festive season which also includes two extravagant weddings and a First Communion ceremony. Celebrity Big Brother winner Paddy Doherty and his wife invite the cameras into their Salford home on Christmas Day, while the show explores traveller traditions, old and new. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 1534

9.00 Big Fat Quiz of the Year Jimmy Carr tests a panel of big-name celebrities to find out which of them remembers most about the events of this year. An equally starry line-up of question setters, who in past years have included Bono and Sacha Baron Cohen, lend a helping hand. (S) (HD) 44054114

11.05 Alan Carr: Chatty Man Christmas Special Alan is joined by Ruth Jones, who talks about her new drama, Stella. Plus David Williams drops by, and playful twosome Jedward are on hand to cause mayhem in the studio. Music comes from the newly reformed Steps. Shown on Christmas Day at 9pm (S) (HD) 548263

12.10am Comedy Lab: Mr & Mrs Hotty Hott Hot Show Comedy game show, presented by sketch troupe Pappy's. First shown on E4 (S) 3193003

12.40 Random Acts Animation. (S) 4992747

12.45 Poker Action from Edinburgh. (S) 1344003

1.40 Extreme Sailing From Nice. (R) (S) 1236770

2.05 Sailing Americas Cup Regattas. (S) 4008225

2.35 Freeports on 4 From Scotland. (R) (S) 1372225

3.00 Beach Volleyball From Phuket. (S) 90193

4.00 KOTV Boxing Weekly Global action. (S) 43530596

4.25 World War II: The Last Heroes 6/6. A re-creation of the Allies' arrival at the River Rhine. (R) (S) (HD) 9252157

5.20-6.10am Brothers & Sisters 9/24 Series 4. Kitty sees Nora and Simon in the shower (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 8322549



I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus 2.25pm
Romantic comedy about a young boy who decides to show Santa the error of his ways



6.00am Milkshake! Thomas St Friends **6.10** WotWots **6.20** City of Friends **6.35** Jelly Jamm New series Adventures on the musical planet of Jammbo. **6.45** Peppa **6.50** Castle Farm **6.55** Little Princess **7.10** Mr Men **7.20** Music Box **7.30** Thomas **7.40** Christmas Songs **7.45** Noddy in Toyland **7.55** Fifi **8.05** Peppa **8.20** Roary **8.35** Bananas in Pyjamas **8.50** Ben and Holly **9.05** Bert and Ernie **9.10** Mr Men **9.25** Hana's Helpline **9.40** Mist: Sheepdog Tales **10.00 ThunderCats** 9/12. First shown on Cartoon Network (s)

10.35 Meerkat Manor 10/13 Series 1. Flower gives birth to her latest litter (R) (S)

11.05 Animal Rescue Squad Fly-on-the-wall series. (R) (S)

11.20 World's Strongest Man 4/10. The fourth and final qualifying round. Shown Fri 23 Dec 1pm (S) 12.25 News (S)

12.35pm Crazy for Christmas Seasonal drama about a cash-strapped single mum who becomes chauffeur to an eccentric do-gooder (2005) (s) 69911118

2.25-4.10 I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus Romantic comedy about a young boy who decides to show Santa the error of his ways. (2001, PG) (S) 1827911

4.10pm Twice upon a Time Romantic fantasy starring Molly Ringwald as a woman who wants to change her unfulfilling life. But when a wish on a turkey wishbone transports her to a parallel universe, she begins to think that her old life was not all that bad. (1998) (S) 47870176

5.50 Little Women Period drama adapted from the classic novel, starring Winona Ryder and Susan Sarandon. Reliant on their strength of character and each other rather than privilege, four very different sisters grow up in mid-19th-century America. (1994, U) (S) (W) 35346114

8.00 World's Strongest Man 5/10. The final heats get under way in North Carolina with events like the car walk, the giant dumbbell press, the truck pull and the iconic Atlas stones testing the contestants. Repeated tomorrow 11.10am (S) 5293602
Followed by 5 News Update

9.00 Carry On Christmas The first of three Carry On programmes tonight sees Sid James starring as Ebenezer Scrooge in a 1969 spoof of Dickens's A Christmas Carol. With Charles Hawtrey, Hattie Jacques, Barbara Windsor Terry Scott and Frankie Howerd. (R) (s) 36283176

10.05 The Greatest Ever Carry On Films The evening of slapstick fun continues as Sid James's cackle, Barbara Windsor's flying bikini and Kenneth Williams's "Infamy! Infamy! They've all got it in for me!" all feature in this rundown of the nation's favourite Carry On films. (S) 5110640

11.05 Cor, Blimey! An adaptation of Terry Johnson's award-winning stage play Cleo, Camping, Emmanuelle and Dick, which tells the real-life story of Barbara Wind sor's love affair with Sid James. (R) (S) 67868060

1.15am SuperCasino Gaming. 78986978

3.55 Meals in Moments With former pop star Dane Bowers. (R) (S) 85951256

4.05 The Gadget Show: Festive edition Shown Christmas Eve 8pm (S) 1481355

4.55 County Secrets Spotlight on scenic counties in the UK. (R) (S) (SL) 53185393

5.10-6.00am House Doctor Double bill of home improvements. (R) (S) (SL) 6646393

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High School Musical 2 10.35am
Sequel to the hit musical, starring Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens.



6.00am Breakfast With Jon Kay and Louise Minchin. (S)
9.00 SPYkids 2: the Island of Lost Dreams Fantasy adventure sequel starring Antonio Banderas, Carla Gugino and Steve Buscemi. (2002, U) (S) (W) 21535751

10.35 High School Musical 2 Sequel to the hit musical, starring Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens. (2007 U) (S) (W) (HD) 74323119

12.20pm BBC News Weather; Regional News (S) 5708206

12.35 Only Fools and Horses Series 7. Del discovers a sensational Tom Jones-style singer (s) 5584515

1.25 The Two Ronnies Christmas Sketchbook Compilation in which Ronnie Barker and Ronnie Corbett choose their favourite sketches and songs from their festive shows. (R) (S) 5956799

2.30-4.05 Shall We Dance Romantic comedy drama with Richard Gere and Jennifer Lopez. Director Peter Chelsom (2004, 12) (S) (W) 96202747

4.05pm Bedknobs and Broomsticks Part-animated musical fantasy starring Angela Lansbury. During the Second World War three children are evacuated to the coast to escape the Blitz. To their dismay, they are sent to live with the eccentric Eglantine Price. But they discover their host is a witch who can take them to fantastic worlds. (1971, U) (S) (W) (HD) 28388428

6.00 BBC News Weather; Regional News; Weather (S) 683

6.30 Celebrity Mastermind 2/10. With Stacey Solomon, Sophie Grigson, Simon Day and Steve Harley. More tomorrow 6.30pm. (S) (HD) 935

7.00 Frozen Planet The very best highlights from the series, taking viewers on a spectacular journey from the depths of winter to the melting of the polar summer. In the South, penguins struggle to raise their chicks before the big freeze of autumn. In the North, polar bear cubs fight for survival as the ice thaws. Narrated by David Attenborough. (S) (AD) 9393

8.00 Countryfile Matt Baker visits the Holker estate in Cumbria, Julia Bradbury is at Goodwood in West Sussex, while Adam Henson explores Castle Howard in North Yorkshire. Including Weather for the Week Ahead. (S) (HD) 8041

9.00 Great Expectations 2/3. Pip begins his new life as a gentleman in London, quickly acquiring expensive tastes and mounting debts as he escorts his beloved Estella around town. Concludes tomorrow 9pm. (S) (AD) (HD) 5577

10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) 317770

10.20 The National Lottery Draws (S) 848225

10.30 Comic Relief 2011: What a Cracker Highlights from the fundraising event, with another chance to see some of the sketches and performances that entertained viewers on the big night. (S) (HD) 15206

12.00 It's a Boy/Girl Thing Romantic comedy starring Kevin Zegers and Samaira Armstrong. Director Nick Hurrah (2006, 12) (S) (W) 3504558

1.25am Weatherview (S) 3908875

1.30 4.10 Sign Zone Signed. Repeats not indicated

1.30 Great Expectations Shown yesterday 9pm (S) (AD) 49469

2.30 FILM Nativity! Comedy starring Martin Freeman. Shown Fri 23 December 6.20pm BBC2 (S) (AD) (W) 208287

4.10-6.00am BBC News (S)



The Man who would be King 1.25pm
Rousing adventure starring Sean Connery.



6.00am CBeebies 7.00 CBBC
9.00 The Country Bears Musical comedy based on the Disney theme park attraction Walt Disney, Country Bears' Jamboree, starring Christopher Walken and featuring the voice of Haley Joel Osment. (2002, PG) (S) (W) 1671022

10.25 Madagascar The wildlife of the narrow band of mountains and rainforest on the east coast. (R) (S) (AD)

11.25 Yellowstone Summer transforms the park. (R) (S) (AD)

12.25pm The Many Faces of Michael Caine The actor reminisces about his movie career (R) (S) (AD) 2411664

1.25 The Man Who Would Be King Rousing adventure starring Sean Connery. Director John Huston (1975, PG) (S) (W) 25857683

3.30-4.30 Flog It! Will Axon and Kate Bateman search for treasures in Cowes on the Isle of Wight. (R) (S) 81119

4.30pm Escape to the Country City-dwelling families, couples and individuals set out to find their ideal rural retreats. (R) (S) 47521

5.30 Antiques Road Trip Charlie Ross and Mark Stacey head from Chester to the Wirral Peninsula looking for treasures to sell for a profit at auction in Anglesey. (R) (S) 473225

6.15 Porridge The Desperate Hours. Fletch gets a chance to be a hero when Reg tries to take Mr Barrowclough hostage in this classic Christmas special from 1976. Writers Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais; Producer Sydney Lotterby (R) (S) 539515

7.00 Sir Jimmy Savile at the BBC: How's about That? A tribute to the former DJ, TV entertainer and charity fundraiser who died in October. Includes rarely seen footage of his Saturday night variety show Clunk Click, which ran for two series in the 1970s before being replaced by Jim'll Fix It. (S) 7935

8.00 Top Gear: India Special Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May set out to boost the UK's economy by embarking on a trade mission to India. Equipped with three old British cars and a range of uniquely British products to promote, they explore one of the world's most fascinating countries, with distinctly mixed results. (S) Also on BBC HD 729161

9.30 Three Men Go to New England 2/2. Rory McGrath, Griff Rhys Jones and Dara O Briain set sail for Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard as their mission to find a boat suitable for a parade celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Statue of Liberty continues. With time running out, they try their luck in Newport, Rhode Island, before hopping aboard a 1930s motor yacht bound for New York. However the weather has taken a change for the worse and a huge storm is forecast. (s) (AD) 57003

10.30 Dara O Briain This Is the Show The burly Irish comic and Mock the Week host performs in front of a sell-out crowd on the final date of his record-breaking nine nights at Hammersmith Apollo, mixing off-the-cuff audience interaction with hilarious, razor-sharp musings. (S) 24515

11.30 Sir Jimmy Savile: As It Happened A tribute to the broadcaster who died in October at his home in Leeds, aged 84. The programme includes footage of the former Jim'll Fix It presenter and interviews with family, showbiz friends and representatives of the many charitable organisations for which he raised millions of pounds. (R) (S) 56393

12.00 QI Stephen Fry considers some incomprehensible questions with panellists Sue Perkins, Ross Noble, Professor Brian Cox and Alan Davies. (R) (S) 12894

12.30am Being Ronnie Corbett A documentary survey of comedian Ronnie Corbett's career featuring an interview with the man himself and contributions from a wide range of admirers, including Miranda Hart, Rob Brydon, Bill Bailey, Catherine Tate and Bruce Forsyth. (R) (S) 15639

1.30 The Leopard Man Stylised, atmospheric thriller starring Dennis O'Keefe. Fear stalks the streets of a New Mexico town after a black leopard, part of a publicity stunt by a nightclub entertainer is accidentally let loose. A young girl is killed, but is she a victim of the leopard or of a human killer who's made the night streets his hunting ground? (1943) (BW) (S) 1782320

2.35-4.10am BBC News (S)



The Jonathan Ross Show 11.20pm
Tom Cruise, the Downton Abbey daughters, and the stars of The Inbetweeners



5.55am Morning News (S) **6.00** Children's

7.35 K-9 Crime comedy starring James Belushi, Mel Harris, Kevin Tighe, Ed O'Neill and James Handy. (1989, 15) (w) 17533022

9.25 Countrywise at Christmas Paul Heiney and the team visit the Cornish village of Mousehole. (R) (S) (HD)

10.25 The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery Comedy starring Frankie Howerd as the leader of a gang of train robbers who are trying to recover loot. Directors Frank Launder and Sidney Gilliat (1966, U) (S) (W) 90493206

12.05pm All Star Family Fortunes Teams from This Morning and Emmerdale compete. (R) (S) (HD) 2410935

1.05 ITV News Regional News; Weather (S) 44193225

1.30 Grease: after They Were Famous The film's stars recall the making of the 1978 musical. (R) (s) 8822577

2.35-4.30 Midsomer Murders Barnaby investigates a dubious land deal in Brighton. (R) (s) (AD) (HD) 14149157

4.30pm Lewis Pilot episode of the Inspector Morse spin-off. Lewis investigates the murder of a student and discovers links to an old case handled by Morse. Dramatised by Stephen Churcheff from a story by Russell Lewis (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 38157

6.30 Regional News weather (s) 931848

6.45 ITV News weather (s) 954799

7.00 Emmerdale Cain's return spells disaster for Jai. John dashes Moira's hopes. Repeated ITV2 12am and tomorrow at 6am and 12 noon (S) (AD) (HD) 3886

7.30 Countrywise Kitchen: New Year Festive Feasts 3/3. Mike Robinson visits a country estate that sells local produce. Paul Heiney goes to London's Borough Market seeking unusual ingredients to give winter dishes extra flavour (s) (HD) 515

8.00 Ad of the Year After 12 months in which everything from cats with thumbs to dancing clothes have been used to make us part with our money, which TV advert have viewers voted as their favourite? (S) (HD) 9139

9.00 Brand New It'll Be Alright on the Night Griff Rhys Jones introduces bloopers and out-takes as stars, including Holly Willoughby and Ant and Dec, are left red-faced. Clips from Doc Martin, Celebrity Juice, Come Dine with Me and others show why TV can be a funny business. (S) 9995

10.00 ITV News at Ten Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) 687041

10.15 Benidorm Having had her wedding ruined by the paragliding accident, Madge finds herself held hostage, along with Janice, by a Spanish criminal. (R) (S) (AD) 3183044

11.20 The Jonathan Ross Show Tom Cruise, the Downton Abbey daughters, and the stars of The Inbetweeners are the host's celebrity guests. Tim Minchin and Il Volo perform. Shown last Friday (S) (HD) 587770

12.30am The Zone Shopping and gaming. 96558

2.30 Village of the Damned Sci-fi horror remake starring Christopher Reeve and Kirstie Alley. (1995, 15) (S) (SL) (W) (HD) 120455

4.10-5.55am Nightscreen Text information.



Deal or No Deal: Deal Panto 4.00pm
Another fairy tale-themed edition



6.10am Children's

7.50 Perfect Couples Dave, Vance and Isabella set up shop. First shown on E4 (S) (HD)

8.15 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (s) **9.15 Frasier** (R) (s) **9.45 The Big Bang Theory** First shown on E4 (s) (AD)

10.45 The Simpsons Double bill. (R) (S) (AD)

11.45 Firehouse Dog Action comedy starring Josh Hutcherson and Bruce Greenwood. (2006, PG) (S) (W) (HD) 40586698

1.50-4.00pm Star Trek: First Contact Sci-fi adventure starring Patrick Stewart. The crew of the Enterprise tries to prevent a fearsome enemy from changing the future. (1996, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 82086480

4.00pm Deal or No Deal: Deal Panto Another fairy tale-themed edition. (S) (AD) 2751

5.00 Christmas Coach Trip 13/15. The group plays an underwhelming game of frisbee golf inside the Arctic Circle. (S) (HD) 1664

5.30 Celebrity Come Dine with Me Extra Portions Lee Ryan creates an indulgent menu. (R) (s) (HD) 480

6.00 The Simpsons Stop, or My Dog Will Shoot! Santa's Little Helper is recruited as a police dog. (R) (S) (AD) 393

6.30 Hollyoaks Mercedes prevents Riley from seeing his son. (S) (AD) (HD) 645

7.00 Channel 4 News Sport; weather (s) 610003

7.25 4thought.tv Christian Nathanael Watchorn offers his view on Christmas. (S) (HD) 361225

7.30 Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special Bianca Gascoigne welcomes her guests as Snow White, but tensions abound. (s) (HD) 157

8.00 Jon Snow's 2011 The journalist reflects on the past 12 months with interviewees including Ian Hislop, Tony Benn and General Sir Mike Jackson. (S) 16308206

9.00 The Untold Tommy Cooper Previously unseen footage of the late comedian is complemented with tributes from famous fans including Johnny Vegas, Damien Hirst and Ozzy Osbourne. (S) 619138

10.35 Felix and Murdo Ben Miller and Alexander Armstrong star in a one-off period comedy set in Edwardian London. Thoroughly modern chaps Murdo and Felix decide to compete in the 1908 Olympic Games - without training, of course. (S) (HD) 686770

11.10 The Armstrong & Miller Show - Best Bits Highlights from the comedy duo's sketch shows. Producers Gordon Kennedy and Morwenna Banks (S) 619138

11.40 Ben Elton: Laughing at the 80s The comedian and writer revisits the decade that heralded the birth of the anarchic and politically conscious alternative comedy scene. (S) 663645

1.35am Random Acts Creative films. (S) 2175900

1.40 Live from Abbey Road (S) 6695233

2.25 Taio Cruz: Life of a Rock Star A behind-the-scenes look at the singer's life. (R) (S) (HD) 2054788

2.50 The Album Chart Show New releases. (S) 7305078

3.05 Happy Endings 12/13 Double bill. A wedding invitation causes mixed emotions. (S) (AD) (HD) 39787165

3.30 13/13. Alex and Jane's rivalry escalates. Both episodes first shown on E4 (S) (AD) (HD) 33405558

3.55 Bugles in the Afternoon Civil War western. A former soldier signs up at a remote outpost. 1952, U) (S) (SL) 2928894

5.20-6.15am Brothers & Sisters 10/24 Series 4. Justin and Rebecca postpone the wedding. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 7467558



World's Strongest Man 8.00pm
The finals second heat in North Carolina



6.00am Milkshake! **10.00** ThunderCats Remake of the classic 1980s cartoon. First shown on Cartoon Network (S) **10.35** Mickey's Delayed Date Mickey Mouse is late for a date.

10.40 Meerkat Manor 11/13 Series 1. The struggles faced by a family of the animals. Bill Nighy narrates. (R) (S)

11.10 World's Strongest Man 5/10. The opening heat of the finals. Shown yesterday Bpm (S) 12.10 News (S)

12.15pm Apache Drums Western with Stephen McNally and Coleen Gray. (1951, U) (S) (W) 3700044

1.50-3.25 Six Black Horses Western starring Audie Murphy and Dan Duryea. A woman hires two gunslings to escort her on a journey through land occupied by hostile Indians to seek out her husband. 17971461

3.25pm Custer of the West Western starring Robert Shaw. After brilliant military successes in the Civil War General George Custer is put in charge of the Seventh Cavalry and is in charge at the fateful Battle of the Little Bighorn. (1968, U) (s) (w) (HD) 37811480

6.10 The Witches of Oz 1/2. Modern reworking of the classic fantasy adventure. Living in Kansas with her Uncle Henry, Dorothy Gale writes books inspired by the land of Oz. Lured to New York by the interest of a large agency, Dorothy soon finds the world of her books becoming all too real. Concludes tomorrow 6.20pm. First shown on Syfy (S) 56722577

8.00 World's Strongest Man 6/10. The second heat in North Carolina where events like the squat lift, the giant dumbbell press, the truck pull and the iconic Atlas stones are set to test the contenders. Repeated tomorrow 10.50am (S) 5260374

Followed by 5 News Update

9.00 Ben Hur Epic historical drama starring Joseph Morgan and Stephen Campbell Moore. The new governor of Judea, Octavius Messala, arrives in the region and meets his estranged friend Judah Ben-Hur a merchant in first-century Jerusalem. But their differing political views lead to a bitter quarrel. (S) 8652770

12.30am Poker Top amateur players compete against professionals. 6189252

1.30 SuperCasino Live gaming. 9437184

4.00 Meals in Moments Rowland Rivron cooks Moroccan lamb stew. (R) (S) 16604436

4.10 Wildlife SOS Double bill. The work of a wildlife sanctuary (R) (S) (SL) 1531731

4.55 County Secrets Historical spotlight on scenic UK counties. (R) (S) (SL) 53089165

5.10-6.00am House Doctor Double bill of home improvements. (R) (S) (SL) 6540165



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Superman Returns **3.35pm**
Superman returns to Metropolis after a five-year mission, but what is in store for the Man of Steel



6.00am Breakfast With Louise Minchin, Charlie Stayt.(s)
9.00 CBBC Shaun the Sheep (R) (S) (HD) 2484691

9.10 SPYkids 3: Game Over Fantasy action sequel starring Antonio Banderas and Carla Gugino. (2003, U) (S) (W) (HD) 2151417

10.25 Sharpay's Fabulous Adventure Musical comedy drama spin-off from the High School Musical franchise, starring Ashley Tisdale. (2011, U) (S) (W) (HD) 1004097

11.55 George of the Jungle Comedy adventure with Brendan Fraser. When his plane crashes in the jungle, infant George is found and raised by gorillas. (1997, U) (S) (W) (HD) 6387558

1.20pm BBC News Weather; Regional News (S) 87810233

1.40 Only Fools and Horses Series 7. Del is invited to a school reunion at the Nag's Head. (S) 2484691

2.35-3.35 The Two Ronnies Sketchbook Messrs Corbett and Barker's comedy recollections. (R) (S) 5487436

3.35pm Superman Returns Blockbuster fantasy adventure. Superman returns to Metropolis after a five-year mission, only to find that his former sweetheart Lois Lane has a new boyfriend and a young son. (2006, 12) (S) (AD) (W) 6816207

6.00 BBC News Weather; Regional News; Weather (S) 504

6.30 Celebrity Mastermind 3/10. Chris Packham, Jenny Meadows, Alex Winters and Graeme Hawley play. More tomorrow 6.30pm (S) (HD) 184

7.00 Wallace & Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death Our intrepid heroes have a successful new bakery business. But with a killer targeting bakers, it falls to Gromit to discover the identity of the dreaded Cereal Killer With the voices of Peter Sallis and Sally Lindsay. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 2707

7.30 EastEnders Pat checks herself out of hospital without waiting to find out the results of her latest medical tests. Repeated 10pm BBC3 (S) (AD) (HD) 368

8.00 Earthflight New series. 1/6. A stunning series that allows the viewer to fly like a bird over six continents. In this opening programme five million snow geese become prey to bald eagles as they fly from the Gulf of Mexico along the entire length of North America to breed in the Arctic. And cowbirds duck under the feet of fighting bison. (S) (AD) (HD) 5146

9.00 Great Expectations 3/3. Pip's dreams are dashed when he learns the truth from Magwitch and rushes to Satis House only to find that Estella is engaged. Showing on BBC HD 10pm Signed repeat tomorrow 1.55am (S) (AD) (HD) 8610

Mrs Dickens's Family Christmas is tomorrow 9pm BBC2

10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) 273900

10.20 Absolutely Fabulous The unconventional pair make a welcome return with their family and friends. Patsy is forced into trying to find out who she really is. Fletcher Shown Christmas Day 10pm (S) (AD) (HD) 146356

10.50 I Love You, Man Comedy starring Paul Rudd and Jason Segel. A groom-to-be with no male friends goes in search of a best man for his wedding. (2008, 15) (S) (W) (HD) 24474417

12.30am Skiing Weatherview (S) 3746009

12.35-3.50 Sign Zone Signed. Repeats not indicated

12.35 James May's Man Lab Trying to make it snow. First shown Sunday 18 December 8pm BBC2 (S) (AD) 8582721

1.35 Great Expectations Shown yesterday 9pm (S) (AD) 1942818

2.35 Lapland Shown Christmas Eve 10pm (S) (AD) 5023295

3.50-6.00am BBC News (S)



Dragons' Den: the Hilary Devey Story **5.10pm**
Charting the life story of the entrepreneurial-show judge.



6.00am CBeebies **7.00** CBBC

8.45 Tarzan's Greatest Adventure Jungle drama starring Gordon Scott, Anthony Quayle and featuring Sean Connery. (1959, U) (S) 8310946

10.05 Madagascar The wildlife in the west and south of the island. David Attenborough narrates. (R) (S) (AD) 93298894

11.05 Yellowstone An early dusting of snow is a sign for elk to start moving down from the mountains. (R) (S) (AD) 4413287

12.05pm The Ipcress File Spy thriller starring Michael Caine and Nigel Green. A spy uncovers evidence of high-powered double-dealing. (1965, PG) (S) (W) 573504

1.50 Dirty Rotten Scoundrels Comedy starring Michael Caine and Steve Martin as rival conmen. (1988, PG) (S) (W) 4517165

3.35-4.35 Flog It! Antiques experts Mark Stacey and Kate Bateman value items in Liverpool. (S) 4413287

4.35pm Escape to the Country Jules Hudson heads for east Devon where he helps a couple returning to the UK from Spain search for a home within their £500,000 budget. (R) (S) 4517165

5.35 Antiques Road Trip In this leg, from Anglesey to south-west Wales, Charlie Ross is desperate to get back in the game. But will opponent Mark Stacey let him? (R) (S) 329075

6.20 Confessions of a Shopaholic Romantic comedy starring Isla Fisher and Hugh Dancy. Debt-ridden journalist Rebecca Bloomwood, A&S dream is to work on fashion magazine Alette. However, she accidentally sends in a job application to a business magazine and ends up working for the dashing Luke Brandon. (2009, PG) (S) (AD) (W) 44512320

8.00 Dragons' Den: the Hilary Devey Story Charting the life story of the entrepreneurial-show judge. Devey returns to her roots in Bolton, where she left school aged 16 to establish a career in the haulage industry before launching a worldwide business from an aircraft hangar. She also tells how she suffered a life-threatening stroke and reveals how her first Den investments are doing. (S) 3788

9.00 QI Chipping away at the subject of ice are Ross Noble, Sean Lock, Brian Blessed and Alan Davies. Stephen Fry hosts. (S) 7964

9.30 Never Mind the Buzzcocks Regular captains Noel Fielding and Phill Jupitus are joined by Alice Cooper, Loraine Kelly, James Blunt, Tinie Tempah and Cilla Black. Director Ian Lorrimer. Series producer James Longman. Repeated tomorrow 12.25am (S) 64097

10.00 The Bleak Old Shop of Stuff A Victorian shop owner's family are imprisoned by an evil lawyer until the proprietor can repay a mysterious debt. Dickensian comedy, with Robert Webb and Stephen Fry. Shown Monday 19 December 8.30pm (S) (AD) 6639

11.00 Have I Got 2010 for You Compilation of highlights from last year's satirical current affairs quiz, hosted by Alexander Armstrong. (R) (S) 5829

11.30 QI Erudite quiz in which host Stephen Fry awards points for the most interesting answers. (R) (S) 46788

12.00 I've Never Seen Star Wars Jo Brand invites QI presenter Stephen Fry to sample new cultural experiences. Shown Tuesday 27 December 10.30pm (S) 72289

12.30am The John Craven Years The much-loved presenter looks back at his 40 years on TV, from his early days on the ground-breaking Newsround to today's Sunday night favourite Countryfile. Shown Christmas Eve at 7pm (S) 69276

1.30 The Body Snatcher Horror starring Boris Karloff Edinburgh, 1832. A gifted doctor enters into a sinister relationship with a grave-robber to obtain cadavers for dissection, but Soon questions the source. (1945, PG) (BW) (S) (W) 5809740

2.50-3.50am BBC News (S)



Notting Hill **10.15pm**
Romantic comedy starring Julia Roberts, Hugh Grant and Rhys Ifans.



5.55am Morning News (S) **6.00** Children's

7.40 New York Minute Action comedy starring Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen. (2004, PG) (W) 92830165

9.25 Countrywise Winter Special A look back at a year in the country with Paul Heiney, Bettany Hughes, Rachel De Thame and Mike Robinson. (R) (S) 63271

9.55 All Star Family Fortunes Peter Andre, Kate Thornton and their families play the game. (R) (S) (HD) 28964

10.55 The Railway Children Classic period drama starring Jenny Agutter. Three children are forced to move from London to rural Yorkshire. (1970, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 71697691

1.00pm ITV News Regional News; Weather (S) 70287

1.30 Chitty Chitty Bang Bang: After They Were Famous Stars including Dick Van Dyke recall the making of the much-loved film. (R) (S) 63271

2.30-4.30 Agatha Christie's Marple A film fan is poisoned at an actress's party. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 28964

4.30pm Inspector Morse The Remorseful Day. Back from sick leave, Morse returns to the case of the murdered Yvonne Harrison, but has to cope with playing second fiddle to long-standing sidekick Lewis - and there are questions about whether the Inspector is fit enough to handle the case. Another episode tomorrow 4.30pm (R) (S) 26184

6.30 Regional News weather (s) 830165

6.45 ITV News weather (s) 830788

7.00 Emmerdale Charity lies to Cain in an effort to persuade him to drop the accusation against Jai. Ashley struggles with his emotions, while Alicia explains to David why she's left Andy. More at 8pm. (S) (AD) (HD) 7875

7.30 That Was 2011: the ITV News Review of the Year 1/2. Mark Austin and fellow correspondents look back at the major stories of the past 12 months, including the Japanese tsunami, the Arab Spring, the killing of Osama Bin Laden and the royal wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton. Concludes tomorrow at 8pm. (S) (HD) 436

8.00 Emmerdale Chas and Debbie are disgusted when Charity tells Cain she was at the scene on the night he was attacked, and left him there to die. (S) (AD) (HD) 6523

8.30 Coronation Street Kevin fears Sophie is making a mistake as her wedding day arrives. Becky struggles to pick herself up and Karl is tempted to gamble with a windfall Stella receives from a relative. (S) (AD) (HD) 8558

9.00 Paddy's 2011 Show and Telly Paddy McGuinness hosts as three pairs of celebrities answer questions about the year's TV, with one team getting the chance to win up to £20,000 for the charity of their choice. (S) (HD) 3338

10.00 ITV News Weather; Regional News and Weather (s) 543271

10.15 Notting Hill Romantic comedy starring Julia Roberts, Hugh Grant and Rhys Ifans. An American film star bumps into a divorced bookseller in Notting Hill and they begin an unlikely affair But their relationship is put under increasing strain when the press finds out. Director Roger Michell (1999, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 55612504

12.30am The Zone Interactive gaming. 78964059

2.35 Scarface Gangster drama starring Al Pacino. Having lied his way into the US from Cuba, two-bit criminal Tony Montana murders a political agitator to get a green card. From then on he pursues the American Dream with violent, ruthless efficiency - no matter what the cost. (1983, 18) (S) (SL) (W) (HD) 66028653

5.25-5.55am Nightscreen Text information.



Hollyoaks **6.30pm**
Jacqui disapproves of Mercedes's actions.



6.15am Children's **7.40** Perfect Couples Dave hits it off with Julia's colleagues. First shown on E4 (s) (HD) **8.05** Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (s) **9.05** Frasier (R) (S) 338368

10.05 The Big Bang Theory First shown on E4 (S) (AD) (HD) **11.05** The Simpsons (R) (S) (AD) 12.05pm See Spot Run

Endearing comedy with David Arquette. A superdog goes on the run. (2001, PG) (S) 338368

1.55-4.00 Never Been Kissed Romantic comedy starring Drew Barrymore and David Arquette. (1999, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 46068639

4.00pm Come Dine with Me Another dinner party challenge. (s) 8981

5.00 Christmas Coach Trip 14/15. The tourists stay in log cabins and take part in husky racing in Finland. (s) (HD) 8981

5.30 Celebrity Come Dine with Me: Extra Portions Singer Michelle Heaton has trouble keeping Peter Stringfellow out of her kitchen. (R) (s) (HD) 829

6.00 The Simpsons: 24 Minutes. Bart and Lisa have just 24 minutes to stop the ultimate stink bomb. (R) (s) (AD) 542

6.30 Hollyoaks Jacqui disapproves of Mercedes's actions. Writer Rob Butler. Shown yesterday at 7pm on E4 Repeated tomorrow at 2.20pm on E4 The next episode follows on E4 (S) (AD) (HD) 894

7.00 Channel 4 News Sport; weather (s) 340252

7.25 4thought.tv A convert to Judaism explains what Christmas means to her (S) (HD) 511946

7.30 Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special Soap actor turned panto star Danny Young puts on an Aladdin-themed evening, complete with exotic costumes and a belly dancer (S) (HD) 338

8.00 Living with the Amish 6/6. The teenagers conclude their trip by hanging out with some Amish rebels from the Schwartzenuber church, the strictest Amish group, which allows no electricity or plumbing in homes. As their return home approaches, how have the kids been affected by their experience? (S) (HD) 1184

9.00 Dorian Gray Period horror based on the classic Oscar Wilde tale. A young man newly arrived in London is drawn into a world of debauchery after being befriended by the calculating Lord Wotton. Despite the excesses of his new lifestyle, he remains a fresh-faced youth. But a portrait hidden in his attic tells a different story. 6368

1.10 Comic Strip Presents...The Hunt for Tony Blair The irreverent team makes a welcome return with a spoof 1950s-style fugitive drama. Prime Minister Tony Blair goes on the run after he is accused of murder. Inspector Hutton ruthlessly pursues him, armed with evidence from Peter Mandelson and Gordon Brown. (R) (S) (HD) 438078

12.15am Random Acts A dance piece. (S) 6188566

12.20 The Godfather: Part II Epic crime drama starring Al Pacino and Robert De Niro. Michael Corleone is determined to legitimise the business, but struggles to escape its past. English, Italian +subtitles. (1974, 18) (S) (W) (HD) 45141437

The Godfather Part III is showing tomorrow at 12.15am

3.50 Brave New World with Stephen Hawking 1/5. Scientific breakthroughs transforming 21st century life, including a driverless car. (R) (S) (HD) 3583045

4.45-5.35am Brothers & Sisters 11/24 Series 4 Kevin confronts Robert. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 2235634



The Mentalist **9.00pm**
Pink Tops The CBI are called in when undercover policewoman Yolanda Concepcion is killed outside a nightclub.



6.00am Milkshake! **10.00** ThunderCats 11/12 Remake of the cartoon series. First shown on Cartoon Network (S) **10.35** Zoo Days Brief highlights from the series. (R) (S) 28275707

10.50 World's Strongest Man 6/10. Action from heat two of the finals. Shown yesterday 8pm (S) 5164146

11.50 News (S) 5177610

11.55 Ice Road Truckers 9/16 Series 4. Alex helps an injured man after a horrific crash. (R) (S) (HD) 5177610

12.55pm Back to the Secret Garden Fantasy drama sequel starring Joan Plowright. Director Michael Tuchner (2000, U) (S) 5177610

2.55-6.20 David Copperfield Emmy-nominated dramatisation of the Dickens classic, starring Hugh Dancy as the orphan who flees his stepfather. (S) 28275707

6.20pm The Witches of Oz 2/2. Conclusion of the fantasy adventure starring Paulie Rojas as Dorothy Gale, who tries to stop the inhabitants of Oz from executing their plans for world domination. First shown on Syfy (S) 18440078

8.00 World's Strongest Man 7/10. Terry Hollands from Kent, who finished on the podium in 2007, faces Lithuanian Vytautas Lalas and Martin Wildauer from Austria, as they compete in events like the 450kg car walk, the keg toss and the Atlas stones in the third heat of the finals. Repeated tomorrow 11.20am (S) 5164146

9.00 The Mentalist 8/24 Series 4. Pink Tops The CBI are called in when undercover policewoman Yolanda Concepcion is killed outside a nightclub. When the team struggles to make headway with the case, Patrick Jane takes the direct approach and confronts Omar Vega, the drugs baron Yolanda had been investigating, and finds himself kidnapped. (S) (HD) 5177610

10.00 It's All about Amy 5/8. The reality star makes her debut on Never Mind the Buzzcocks - and rewards herself with a shiny new, white Range Rover. Then she puts out a casting call to her fans when she decides to put four of them on the catwalk in her new clothes collection at the Britain's Next Top Model event. But there's still time for a singing lesson and a visit to her oldest friend, who's broken a leg. (s) (HD) 5187097

11.00 The Truth about Cheryl Cole Charting the meteoric rise of the Georgie girl with the glamour-queen looks, from her upbringing on a council estate to her star-studded neighbourhood in Los Angeles. In addition to the highs of her success with Girls Aloud and, in particular as a judge on The X Factor, Cheryl has had to deal with the massive tabloid attention generated by her turbulent relationship with Ashley Cole. (R) (S) 3131788

12.00 SuperCasino Live interactive gaming including roulette and blackjack. 7857905

4.00am Meals In Moments With guest Sharron Davies. (R) (S) 50600504

4.05 Wildlife SOS Double bill. Series following the work of an animal sanctuary. (R) (S) (SL) 93451634

4.30 Volunteers treat an elderly deer (R) (S) (SL) 22018653

4.55 County Secrets Spotlight on counties in the UK. (R) (S) (SL) 53056837

5.10-6.00am House Doctor Double bill of the home improvements series presented by Ann Maurice. (R) (S) (SL) 6517837

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EastEnders **11.55am**
Ricky, Bianca and their children struggle to meet Janine's new deadline for repaying her loan.



6.00am Breakfast With Sally Nugent, Charlie Stayt. (S)
9.00 The Cat In the Hat Fantasy comedy adventure based on the book by Dr Seuss, Starring Mike Myers. (2003, PG) (S) 1553672

10.20 Sky High Playful coming-of-age fantasy comedy adventure, starring Michael Angarano, Kurt Russell and Kelly Preston. (2005, PG) (S) (W) (HD) 31461924

11.55 **Paolie** Cheeky comedy adventure about man intelligent talking parrot, starring Gena Rowlands. (1998, U) (S) (W) 6274030

1.20pm BBC News Weather; Regional News (S) 87801585

1.45-3.30 Only Fools and Horses Series 7 Double bill. Uncle Albert falls victim to muggers, then the Trotters prepare for Raquel to give birth. (R) (S) 93260011

3.30pm National Treasure Action adventure starring Nicolas Cage as Benjamin Franklin Gates, whose family has been charged with protecting a fabulous treasure trove which can only be discovered by decoding an elaborate series of ciphers. (2004, PG) (S) (W) (HD) 45653

5.30 Wallace & Gromit: A Close Shave
The duo embark on their third adventure, which sees Wallace fall in love and Gromit framed for sheep rustling. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 740

6.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) 653

6.30 Celebrity Mastermind
4/10. Cricketer Matthew Hoggard, comedian Justin Moorhouse, TV presenter Jules Hudson and actor Ray Fearon try out the famous black chair. (S) (HD) 905

7.00 The One Show: Best of 2011
Another chance to see some of the programme's best features and stories. (S) (HD) 9301

8.00 EastEnders
Ricky, Bianca and their children struggle to meet Janine's new deadline for repaying her loan. Repeated 10.05pm BBC3 (S) (AD) (HD) 3030

8.30 Have I Got News for You
11/11. A compilation of the popular news quiz that looks back at the big news of 2011. (S) (HD) 9837

9.00 New Tricks
It Smells of Books. Lane goes under cover in his "spiritual home", the London Library, when the team revisits the death of a professor. (R) (S) (AD) 5585

10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) 284634

10.20 The Graham Norton Show
Highlights from recent series. (S) (HD) 226818

11.05 John Bishop's Britain
A Christmas special of stand-up and short sketches, featuring guest Noddy Holder. Shown Tuesday 27 December 10.15pm (S) (HD) 247721

11.50 The National Lottery Draws (S) 501721

11.55 Cold Creek Manor
Suspense thriller starring Dennis Quaid and Sharon Stone. An ex-con wants to keep a family secret buried. (2003, 15) (S) (W) 577030

1.50am Weatherview (S) 2114899

1.55-3.55 Sign Zone Signed. Repeats not indicated.

1.55 Great Expectations Shown yesterday 9pm (S) (AD) 5310141

2.55 Fry's Planet Word 5/5. Stephen Fry explores how language is used in storytelling. (S) (AD) 8686832

3.55-6.00am BBC News (S)



The Many Faces of Dame **9.00pm**
Judy Dench Documentary charting the rise of the actress's career



6.00am CBeebies **7.00** CBBC
9.00 David Copperfield Drama based on the novel by Charles Dickens, starring WC Fields, Lionel Barrymore and Freddie Bartholomew. (1935, U) (BW) (S) 50186950

11.05 The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby
Period drama, based on Dickens's classic novel, starring Derek Bond and Cedric Hardwicke. (1947 U) (BW) (S) 86362301

12.50pm A Tale of Two Cities Period drama based on Dickens's French Revolution novel, with Dirk Bogarde and Dorothy Tutin. (1957, U) (BW) (S) 74084769

2.45 Coast Wales's south and west coasts. (R) (S) (AD) 515498

3.45-4.45 Flog It! Selling items at auction. (R) (S) 504382

4.45pm Escape to the Country
A couple Search for a home in either Wiltshire or Hampshire on a budget of £750,000 (R) (S) 763101

5.45 Antiques Road Trip
It AOs the final part of Mark and Charlie's journey. The latter finds a car-boot sale where he hopes to unearth some hidden treasures. But can he beat his rival at the auction showdown in Chippingham? (R) (S) 363030

6.30 The Good Life
Silly, But It's Fun. In a festive episode from 1977, Tom and Barbara's self-sufficient Christmas is expanded to include neighbours Margo and Jerry. (R) (S) 547

7.00 As Time Goes By
A compilation of favourite moments from the cosy sitcom. As Lionel and Jean finally get the house to themselves, they look back over the memorable events that have occurred since they met. (R) (S) 7943

8.00 The Many Faces of Dame Judi Dench Documentary charting the rise of the actress's career through the roles she has played over the past 40 years. Even though drama was not her preferred subject at school, she impressed in her early performances in Z Cars and Talking to a Stranger, leading her to win parts in classic TV shows, including As Time Goes By and A Fine Romance, and appearances in Hollywood films, including her role as M in the James Bond franchise. (S) 3363

9.00 Mrs Dickens's Family Christmas
Sue Perkins examines Charles Dickens's marriage through the eyes of his wife, Catherine, and finds that in the Dickens household Christmas wasn't the heart-warming version he wrote about in A Christmas Carol. Working through his novels, Sue finds parallels between the female characters Dickens created and his changing affections for Catherine. She also evokes the realities of Victorian marriage and follows Mrs Dickens's recipe for a Twelfth Night cake. (S) (AD) Also on BBC HD 3127

10.00 QI XL
Chipping away at the subject of ice, tonight, are Ross Noble, Sean Lock, Brian Blessed and Alan Davies. Stephen Fry hosts. (R) (S) Also on Bac up 156585

10.45 Transsiberian
Thriller starring Woody Harrelson and Emily Mortimer. American couple Roy and Jessie befriend a mysterious but charming Spaniard and his girlfriend on a long train journey across Siberia. Meanwhile, a weary Russian detective (Ben Kingsley) investigates a drug-related murder. Is there a connection? English, Russian +subtitles. (2008, 15) (W) Also BBC HD 24440450

12.25am Never Mind the Buzzcocks With Alice Cooper Lorraine Kelly, James Blunt, Tinie Tempah and Cilla Black. Shown yesterday 9.30pm (S) 3053431

12.55 Grumpy Guide to Driving Famous faces reveal the 1 things they find most annoying about motoring. (R) (S) 6139290

1.25 The Curse of the Cat People Horror fantasy starring Simone Simon. A draughtsman is worried by his young daughter who has "invented" a secret companion who appears to be her fathers first wife. (1944, U) (BW) (S) 4493528

2.35-3.55am BBC News (S)



The Holiday **10.15pm**
Romantic comedy Starring Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet, Jude Law and Jack Black



5.55am Moring News (S) **6.00** Children's

7.30 The Perfect Man Romantic comedy starring Heather Locklear, Hilary Duff and Christopher Noth. (2005, PG) (W) 84992063

9.25 The Lakes at Christmas A bride prepares for a fairy-tale wedding. (S) (HD)

9.55 All Star Family Fortunes With Hollyoaks star Jennifer Metcalfe and comedian Joe Pasquale. (R) (S) (HD) 6425276

10.55 Pollyanna Heart-warming tale about a girl who goes to live with her stern aunt after the death of her father. Amanda Burton and Georgina Terry star. (R) (S) 12.55pm

ITV News Regional News; Weather (S) 6425276

1.30 Bugsy Malone: after They Were Famous The child stars of the 1976 movie catch up. Narrated by Matthew Kelly. (R) (S) 15276

2.30-4.30 Agatha Christie's Poirot A Reverend chokes to death at a cocktail party. Weeks later, another guest dies in similar circumstances. (R) (S) 88059

4.30pm Inspector Morse
Death is Now My Neighbour. A woman is shot through her kitchen window at point blank range. (R) (S) (HD) 70721

6.30 Regional News weather (S) 817450

6.45 ITV News weather (S) 830301

7.00 Emmerdale Nikhil decides to take matters into his own hands. (S) (AD) (HD) 9450

7.30 Coronation Street

Peter comforts Carla after Anne's shocking proposition. Repeated ITV2 2.50am (S) (AD) (HD) 585

8.00 That Was 2011: the ITV News Review of the Year 2/2. Mark Austin reviews the second half of the past year focusing on events such as the News of the World scandal, the August riots, the overthrow of Colonel Gaddafi and the deaths of Amy Winehouse and Apple's Steve Jobs. (S) (HD) 5498

8.30 You've Been Framed!
Festive footage filmed by viewers, including a clip showing five ways to destroy a snowman. Shown Christmas Day 5.30pm (S) 4905

9.00 A Royal Year to Remember

The past year has been a time for joyful celebrations as the nation has once again taken the royal family to its heart. From two royal weddings, to a historic visit to Ireland by the Queen, presenter Alan Titchmarsh reveals what went on behind the scenes. (S) (HD) 4063

10.00 ITV News at Ten Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) 570943

10.15 The Holiday
Romantic comedy. Following a break-up, an LA workaholic exchanges her home over Christmas for the Surrey cottage of a journalist, who has just found out her ex is getting married. But the swap leads to romantic entanglements for the two women. Cameron Diaz, Eli

Wallach, Kate Winslet, Edward Burns, Jude Law, Rufus Sewell, Jack Black (2006, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) 13408566

12.45am It'll Be Alright on the Night Griff Rhys Jones introduces a selection of hilarious TV bloopers and outtakes. Shown Wednesday 28 December 9pm (S) 809967

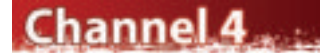
1.45 The Zone Shopping and gaming. 316580

3.30 Kojak Theo is hampered by a detective who thinks he's been denied a promotion. (R) (S) (SL) 9488031

4.25-5.55am Nightscreen Text information.



Comedy Showcase: The Angelos **9.00pm**
Neil Epithemiu Show
Dan Skinner stars as his comic creation



5.40am Children's **7.10** Perfect Couples Julia plans a hen party for Amy in Vancouver. First shown on E4 (S) (HD) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond Double bill. (R) (S) **8.35** Frasier Double bill. (R) (S) **9.35** The Big Bang Theory First shown on E4 (S) (AD) (HD)

10.35 The Simpsons Lisa defies a new ruling that bans the teaching of evolution in school. (R) (S) (AD) **11.10** Struggling Sportsman Buck Mitchell turns to Homer and Marge for marital advice. (R) (S) (HD)

11.40 Clueless Romantic comedy updating Jane Austen's Emma to the present day, starring Alicia Silverstone and Paul Rudd. (1995, 12) (S) (W) (HD) 79604382

1.40-4.00pm CutThroat Island Action adventure starring Geena Davis and Matthew Modine. (1995, PG) (S) (W) 21457566

4.00pm Come Dine with Me Another dinner party battle. (S) 9059

5.00 Christmas Coach Trip 15/15. The tourists sleep in glass igloos before visiting a reindeer farm. (S) (HD) 7856

5.30 Celebrity Come Dine with Me Extra Portions
Nightclub impresario Peter Stringfellow serves an unusual combination of dishes. (R) (S) (HD) 450

6.00 The Simpsons
You Kent Always Say What You Want. Kent Brockman is fired after swearing on TV. (R) (S) (AD) 363

6.30 Hollyoaks

Mercedes prepares to let go of Riley.

7.00 Channel 4 News Sport; weather (S) 503905

7.25 thought.tv A DJ and his son who use rap music to celebrate Christmas. (S) (HD) 230547

7.30 Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special
The final pantomime curtain call is provided by former Doctor Who star Colin Baker, who puts together a Cinderella-themed soiree. (S) (HD) 127

8.00 Bear's Wild Weekend with Miranda Adventurer Bear Grylls challenges comedy writer and actress Miranda Hart to go far beyond her comfort zone during an intense two-day expedition in the Swiss Alps. Shown on Boxing Day at 9pm (S) (AD) 8059

9.00 Comedy Showcase: The Angelos Neil Epithemiu Show Dan Skinner stars as his comic creation - a modern-day clown living in a world of slapstick fun. Featuring dance routines, magic tricks and celebrity guests in front of a studio audience. (S) (HD) 8943

9.30 Lee Evans: Access All Arenas

The energetic comedian introduces highlights from some of his biggest-ever gigs, including shows at Wembley and London's O2 Arena. (R) (S) 5080672

10.35 An Evening with Lee Evans Christmas special recorded at the Duke of York's Theatre. Includes guest appearances from Bruce Forsyth and Jack Dee. (S) 120059

11.05 The World of Lee Evans The Late Shift & Meet the Folks. Two drama shorts from the Bafta-nominated 1996 series. Lee plays an attendant at an all-night garage. (R) (S) 517092

11.40 One Late Night. Lee decides to pick up a hitchhiker on a late-night motorway trip. (R) (S) 544276

12.10am Random Acts Slow-motion film. (S) 6156967

12.15 The Godfather Part III The finale to the AAO father saga, starring Al Pacino, Diane Keaton and Andy Garcia. New York, 1979: Mob boss Michael Corleone wants out of his criminal empire in a search for respectability. English, Italian +subtitles. (1990, 15) (W) (HD) 50528122

3.15 Steve Jobs: iChanged the World The life and career of the innovative Apple co-founder (R) (S) (HD) 6942180

4.10 Brave New World with Stephen Hawking 2/5 Science's fight against fatal diseases. (S) (HD) 4532141

5.05-6.00am Brothers St Sisters 12/24 Series 4 Kevin and Scotty help Paige. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) 7317509



Alice in Wonderland **3.15pm**
Fantasy based on Alices Adventures in Wonderland



6.00am Milkshake! **10.00** ThunderCats 12/12 Remake of the 1980s cartoon. First shown on Cartoon Network (S)

10.35 Animal Rescue Squad Protecting animals. (R) (S)

10.50 Meerkat Manor 12/13 Series 1. Following the struggles faced by a family of the animals. (R) (S) **11.20** World's Strongest Man 7/10 The third heat of the finals. Shown yesterday 8pm (S) **12.25** News (S)

12.35pm Ice Road Truckers 11/16 Series 4. Lisa Kelly has trouble with an oversized load. (R) (S) (HD) 1482585

1.30 Showdown at Abilene Western starring Jack Mahoney Martha Hyer and Lyle Bettgen Director Charles Haas (1956) (S) 84054160

3.15-5.45 Alice in Wonderland Fantasy based on Alices Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass and What Alice Found There by Lewis Carroll. Director Nick Willing (1999, U) (S) 46607194

5.45pm Snow White Thoughtful retelling of the classic fairy tale starring Kristin Kreuk and Miranda Richardson. Beautiful princess Snow White has a fateful enemy - her wicked step-mother Elspeth. The queen's jealousy turns murderous when Snow White captures the heart of a visiting prince. (2001, PG) (S) 68671837

7.30 Fifth Gear 10/10. Motoring magazine presented by Tiff Needell, Vicki Butler-Henderson and Jonny Smith.

Features include road tests, car reviews, news and views from the world of motoring, and a celebrity testing their mettle against the Nurburgring race track. (S) 5790634

8.00 World's Strongest Man 8/10. James Richardson and Caroline Pearce present heat four from Wingate University, North Carolina, in which Lithuania's Zydrunas Savickas is competing for his third consecutive World's Strongest Man title. Among those looking to finish well enough to reach the final are Portsmouth's Rob Frampton, making only his second appearance and America's Mike Jenkins, a bright new star making his debut. (S) 5131818

9.00 Most Shocking Celebrity Moments of 2011 The inside scoop on the 50 most outrageous occurrences in the world of the rich and famous this year including Charlie Sheen's very public meltdown, Ryan Giggs's marital woes, Lindsay Lohan's parole violation and subsequent court appearances, Cheryl Cole's short-lived stint on The X Factor USA and Kim Kardashian's split with NBA star Kris Humphries after just 72 days of marriage. With contributions from Kerry Katona, Russell Grant, Janice Dickinson and Amy Childs. (S) 9168769

12.00 SuperCasino Gaming. 60408219

4.05am Motorsport Mundial High-speed footage, news and views from events around the world. 93428306

4.30 Fifth Gear Shown 7.30pm (S) 22085325

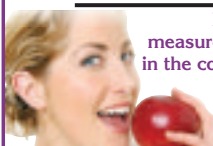
4.55 County Secrets Historical spotlight on counties in the UK. (R) (S) (SL) 53023509

5.10-6.00am House Doctor Double bill. A Chester house is revamped. (R) (S) (SL) 40320829

5.35 Updating a home in Warrington. (R) (S) (SL) 34226851

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Winter Wipeout **6.25pm**
Richard Hammond and Amanda Byram present a new version of Total Wipeout



6:00am Breakfast A round-up of national and international news, plus sports reports, weather forecasts and arts and entertainment features. Including NewsWatch at 7.45

10:00am New Year's Eve Saturday Kitchen Actor Brendan Coyle, who plays Downtown Abbey's romantic hero John Bates, joins James Martin in the studio to face his Food Heaven or Hell. Chefs James Tanner and Nic Watt provide more culinary treats in the kitchen, and wine experts Peter Richards and Susie Barrie select matching wines to accompany their dishes. Also includes highlights from Lorraine Pascale, Nigel Slater, Valentine Warner and Rick Stein

11:30am Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers New Tricks The food writer provides everyday cooking advice as he transforms classic recipes, including cottage pie and apple tart, by giving them a new twist. Nigel also visits allotments and gardens around the country, where he picks up the best fresh produce to prepare his take on beans on toast.

12:00pm BBC News: Regional News and weather
12:00pm Football Focus Dan Walker and guests look ahead to the New Year's Eve fixtures, which include Manchester United v Blackburn Rovers and Chelsea v Aston Villa, and reflect on last night's Premier League meeting between Liverpool and Newcastle United.
1:00pm Formula 1: 2011 Season Review Jake Humphrey presents a look back at the season, which featured 19 Grands Prix and was dominated by Sebastian Vettel in the drivers' championship and Red Bull in the constructors' championships.

2:00pm The Pacific (2005) A battle-hardened military veteran falls to protect a government scientist from assassins. He is assigned to safeguard the dead boffin's family in case the killers come after the top-secret technology in his home, but finds looking after kids proves far tougher than taking on hitmen. Family comedy, starring Vin Diesel and Lauren Graham.

3:30pm A Question of Sport Olympic champion in the 1992 400m hurdles Sally Gunnell, Derby-winning jockey Johnny Murtagh, former Wales rugby union international Scott Quinnell and former Celtic and Middlesbrough manager Gordon Strachan join team captains Matt Dawson and Phil Tufnell on the quiz. Sue Barker asks the questions.

4:00pm Final Score Gabby Logan presents the classified results and a round-up of the afternoon's news from the Premier League and Football League, as the clubs play the last fixtures of the year. With analysis by Garth Crooks and Michael Gray

5:10pm BBC News: Regional News and Weather
5:15pm Comic Relief 2011: What a Cracker Comedy highlights from the event, and reports on how the money raised has been used to help people. Michael McIntyre sets out to thank as many people as possible for their fundraising efforts, including David Tennant and James Corden, while Lenny Henry, JLS and Dermot O'Leary head to Africa to find out how some of the record sum of £108million has been spent on projects in the region

6:25pm Winter Wipeout Richard Hammond and Amanda Byram present a new version of Total Wipeout that sees the contestants wrapping up warm to tackle a snow-covered course with winter-themed obstacles and seasonal challenges.

7:25pm Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (2007) The swashbuckling rogues join forces with old foe Barbosa against the villainous Lord Beckett, who has begun a reign of terror in the Caribbean. But first they have to journey to the ends of the Earth to free Captain Jack Sparrow from his hellish imprisonment in Davy Jones' Locker, as well as uniting pirates from across the globe into any. Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Johnny Depp, Geoffrey Rush, Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley and Chow Yun-Fat, and featuring a cameo appearance by Keith Richards.

10:00pm BBC News: Weather
10:20pm Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights of today's Premier League clashes, including Swansea City v Tottenham Hotspur at the Liberty Stadium and Manchester United v Blackburn Rovers at Old Trafford. With analysis by Mark Lawrenson and Alan Shearer.

11:40pm The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws Q Borg presents the all-important Lotto and Thunderball draws, along with the Lotto Plus 5 results

11:50pm New Year Live 2011 Jake Humphrey joins the people of London as they bid goodbye to 2011 and welcome in the new year. The traditional chiming of Big Ben herald the dawn of 2012, followed by a spectacular fireworks display that will light up the sky over the River Thames

12:15am Lee Mack Going Out Live A recording of Lee Mack's performance at London's Hammermith Apollo as part of his critically acclaimed national stand-up tour. The comedian blends audience interaction, high-speed ad-libs, witty observations and amusing anecdotes in a show full of quick-fire banter and one-stop gags.
1:15am Michael McIntyre's Christmas Comedy Roadshow The funnyman presents a gag-packed Christmas special of his comedy roadshow, with a line-up that reads like a Who's Who of British Comedy 2011 - Jack Dee, Miranda Hart, Sean Lock, James Corden, Rob Brydon, David Mitchell and Rhod Gilbert, plus Aussie pop princess Kylie Minogue - joining him on stage at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane in London. Together, they entertain fans, a VIP audience and a turkey-stuffed nation slumped in front of their TVs with the very best in comedy, while Ms Minogue provides the music.

2:15am Weatherview
2:20am BBC News
2:30am Dateline London Foreign correspondents in London share their views on the week's issues

3:00am BBC News
3:30am Talking Books
4:00am BBC News
4:30am Click A guide to the latest gadgets, websites, games and computer industry news.

5:00am BBC News
5:30am The Record Europe Political issues across the continent.



Home on the Range **10.05am**
Three dairy cows band together to stop an outlaw cattle rustler from taking over their farm



6:00am Postman Pat and the Greendale Rocket Pat and Ted try to repair an old steam train in time for the opening of Greendale's new station

6:25am Postman Pat Special: Postman Pat's Pirate Treasure. Pat's American cousin Matt helps in a search for buried treasure as the village prepares for the annual flower festival

6:50am Mike the Knight Scary Dragons Mike's dragons practise being scary but Sparkie is better at it than Squirt

7:05am Who Let the Dogs Out? Movie Dogs Zak George gives three dogs a series of stunts to perform in their own movie scene. Narrated by Rik Mayall

7:35am Sam & Mark's Big Wind Up Highlights from Sam & Mark's Big Friday Wind-Up featuring games, celebrity guests and surprises for the studio audience. Sam Nixon and Mark Rhodes present

8:00am Junior Bake Off The four remaining contestants face the first day of the final with a tough challenge - preparing afternoon tea for Michel Roux Jr, Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood

8:30am Deadly 60 Philippines Steve Backshall continues his adventure in the Philippines, where he swims with one of the deadliest snakes on the planet, meets a shark that spends most of its time more than 500 metres underwater, and searches in the jungle for a tarrier - a predator that eats its victims head-first

9:00am The Horrible Histories Big From Party Highlights from the BBC Proms concert at the Royal Albert Hall

10:05am Home on the Range (2004) Three dairy cows band together to stop an outlaw cattle rustler from taking over their farm, and are given a helping hand by an ambitious stallion, an obliging rabbit and other barnyard friends.

11:15am First Daughter (2004) The daughter of the US president is determined to lead a normal life and manages to persuade him to let her enrol at college as a normal student. However, she is unaware her father has hired a young special agent to go undercover at the same college - which creates a dilemma when she falls in love with him. Romantic comedy, starring Katie Holmes, Marc Blucas, Michael Keaton and Amerie.

12:55pm Escape to the Country Suffolk Cutdown Denise Nurse helps a couple with a £500,000 budget who would like a family home on the border between Suffolk and Essex, enabling their children to grow up away from the hustle and bustle of city life.

1:35pm Viva Knievel! (1977) Stunt rider Evel Knievel prepares for his greatest ever feat of daring, while also helping out lonely orphans and bringing about a reconciliation between his alcohol-soaked mechanic and his son. Adventure, starring the motorcyclist as himself alongside Lauren Hutton, Leslie Nielsen, Red Buttons and Gene Kelly

3:15pm Springwatch Christmas Special Highlights from the past year of the series, which featured Kate Humble, Chris Packham and Martin Hughes-Games following the fortunes of wildlife at the Ynys-hir nature reserve in Powys, home to red kites, herons, egrets and pied flycatchers.

4:45pm The Guns of Navarone (1961) An elite group of Allied soldiers is dispatched to sabotage vital German artillery emplacements, despite the seemingly insurmountable odds and the suspicion there is a traitor in their midst. Oscar-winning Second World War adventure, based on Alistair MacLean's novel, starring Gregory Peck, David Niven, Anthony Quinn, Stanley Baker, Anthony Quayle and Irene Papas

7:15pm Flog It Stoke-on-Trent 17 James Lewis and David Barby offer advice in Stoke-on-Trent, while presenter Paul Martin visits the nearby Little Moreton Hall, Cheshire, one of England's finest Elizabethan timber-framed manor houses, to see what treasures it holds.

8:00pm Morecambe & Wise: The Show What Paul Merton Did. Paul Merton hosts a festive celebration of the British comedy duo whose sketches were watched by millions of families. Features archive footage, tributes from their comedic peers and comments from contemporary performers who still feel their influence today.

9:00pm Eric & Ernie Drama charting the early years of one of Britain's best comedy double acts, focusing on the influence of Eric Morecambe's mother Sadie (Victoria Wood). A chance meeting on the children's variety circuit sees the start of an unlikely friendship and Eric soon becomes the funnyman to Ernie Wise's 'feet'. But as they grow older, the duo struggle to make their way in mainstream entertainment with a few dubious tours and an ill-advised TV series that has the critics gunning for them. Daniel Rigby and Bryan Dick star as Eric and Ernie, with Jim Mair (better known to comedy fans as Vic Reeves) and Reece Shearsmith as their fathers.

10:30pm Parkinson, Morecambe & Wise Michael Parkinson looks back at the 1972 chat show interview with much-loved comedy legends Morecambe and Wise.

11:15pm Jools' Annual Hootenanny 2011 Jools Holland hosts his 19th annual special. Cynthia Lauer performs a double of her most famous songs, along with a track from recent album Memphis Blues, accompanied by legendary electric blues harmonica player Charlie Musselwhite.

1:30am Glastonbury Best Bits 2011. Highlights of the festival held at Worthy Farm in Somerset, which was headlined by U2, Coldplay and Beyonce.



The Queen **4.05pm**
Oscar-winning fact-based drama, examining the events surrounding the death of Princess Diana.



6:00am Mini CITV. Pre-school fun, including: **6:00** Signed Stories **6:10** Bobbins **6:20** The Hive **6:30** Handy Manny **7:00** Tat's Hotel

7:25am CITV Animated fun, including: **7:25** Super Hero Squad Show

7:50am Scooby-Doo and the Alien Invaders (2000) The cowardly canine and his friends stumble on a small town dogged by tall tales of aliens snatching cattle, and decide to do a spot of investigating - but end up in all kinds of danger. Luckily, Shaggy still finds time to woo the girl of his dreams amid the mayhem. Animated adventure, with the voices of Jeff Bennett, Jennifer Hale, Mark Hamill, Scott Innes and Candii Milo.

9:25am Monk Animated series about mischievous dog Monk and his friends Kimmy, Ben and Ding.

9:30am Horrid Henry Horrid Henry Gets Spots Cartoon about a mischievous youngster who delights in playing pranks, being rotten to his relatives and generally getting up to no good

9:45am Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates a selection of camcorder calamities and viewers' mobile-phone footage, including animals being naughty, musical mishaps, practical jokes and holiday howlers.

10:45am Coronation Street. Omnibus. Becky hits the bottle and burns her precious photos of Steve after learning he has proposed to Tracy - only for the flat to go up in flames when she falls asleep.

1:30pm TV News and Weather

1:45pm Pride and Prejudice (2005) Elizabeth Bennet is one of five sisters whose mother is determined to find them suitable husbands. The arrival of a wealthy gentleman and his friends at a nearby manor leads to an introduction between Elizabeth and the stand-offish Mr Darcy, to whom she takes an instant dislike.

4:05pm The Queen (2006) Oscar-winning fact-based drama, examining the events surrounding the death of Princess Diana. The relationship between the monarch and prime minister Tony Blair is revealed as they struggle to reach a compromise in dealing with the situation.

6:05pm The West Country Today
6:15pm TV News and Weather

6:30pm Harry Hill's TV Burp Xmas Special The comedian presents a compilation of the best bits from his TV Burp Christmas specials, subjecting everything from soaps and sagas to dramas and documentaries to his unique brand of scrutiny as he sorts the season's TV treats from the turkeys.

7:00pm Westlife: For the Last Time Having announced their intention to go on their separate ways after a farewell tour next year, Ian, Mark, Fearghy, Nicky Byrne and Shane Flann are joined by presenter Christine Bleakley to celebrate their 14-year career with this greatest hits special.

8:00pm The Cube Phillip Schofield presents as two more contestants - 22-year-old call centre manager Jamie from Edinburgh, and project engineer Dean from Cardiff - are asked to compete within the confines of a large transparent cube in a bid to win a £250,000 jackpot.

9:00pm Brand New It'll Be Alright on the Night 2 A selection of cringe-inducing TV bloopers featuring some of TV's biggest names, including Ant & Dec, Harry Hill, Bradley Walsh, Holly Willoughby and Phillip Schofield. Viewers also get the chance to enjoy out-takes from Doc Martin, Emmerdale and Coronation Street as the stars thought would never see the light of day. Griff Rhys Jones presents.

10:00pm ITV News and Weather

10:15pm The Nation's Favourite Bee Gees Song. Amanda Holden narrates a countdown of the group's most popular compositions, as voted for by the British public.

11:45pm ITV News and Countdown to 2012. The latest headlines from around the world, followed by a national weather forecast. Plus, coverage of Big Ben as the New Year gets under way

12:00am That Was 2011: The ITV News Review of the Year Mark Austin presents a look back at the major stories of the past 12 months, including the tsunami in Japan, the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton, the wave of popular uprisings in Arab countries, the death of Osama bin Laden and the phone-hacking scandal that engulfed News International and led to the closure of the News of the World.

1:05am The Blues Brothers (1980) Two criminal brothers discover the orphanage where they were raised faces closure unless the nuns who run it can pay their tax bill, so the pair embark on an urgent mission to revive their old blues band to raise the money needed. Comedy, starring John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, Aretha Franklin, James Brown, Ray Charles, Cab Calloway, Carrie Fisher, John Candy and John Lee Hooker

3:30am In Plain Sight. 1/12. Series 1. Pilot New series. Mary McCormack stars as Mary Shannon, a US Marshal working for the Witness Protection Programme. An investigation is launched when a mobster's son is killed while in police care. Feature-length pilot episode of the American drama, with Frederick Weller and Lesley Ann Warren.

4:50am ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service

5:55am TV Morning News



The Simpsons **3.55pm**
Marge v the Monorail



6:00am The Treacle People The Great Escape The Professor comes to rescue when the heroes become trapped in the mines.

6:10am The Hoobs Presents The Tries pats watch children giving each other gifts.

6:35am The Hoobs Harry Tula tries to brighten up the day by restyling her Hoobfur.

7:00am GT Academy 1/4. Series 3. New series. Action from the international competition, where 12 virtual-racing experts compete in on-and-off-track challenges for a chance to test their abilities as professional drivers.

8:00am The Morning Line Preview of the day's main race meetings.

8:55am The Big Bang Theory The Ornithophobia Diffusion. Leonard and Penny endure an awkward night at the cinema, with both of them insisting the outing is not a date.

9:25am The Big Bang Theory The Flaming Spittoon Acquisition Comic-book store owner Stuart asks out on a date, forcing a jealous Sheldon to consider the future of his relationship with her.

9:50am Shipwrecked: The Island Carl asks the castaways to dress in drag, Bear, Dom and Tristan seek revenge by hiding the match and stealing bananas.

10:50am Beyonce Live at the Royal Albert Footage of the star's performance at New York's Roseland Ballroom in August. The show includes tracks from her latest album 4, as well as older hits and home-video footage.

11:55am Three Men and a Baby (1987) The lives of three flat-sharing bachelors are turned upside down when they discover a baby on their doorstep.

1:55pm Channel 4 Racing Newbury and Warwick Alastair Down and Alice Plunkett present live coverage of six races. From Newbury, races start at 2.00, 2.30, 3.05 and 3.40. From Warwick at 2.15 and 3.20. With commentary and analysis by Richard Hills, Stewart Machin, Jim McGrath and Tanya Stevenson.

3:55pm The Simpsons Marge v the Monorail Marge sets out to halt the plans of an unscrupulous businessman intending to defraud Springfield's residents by supplying them with a defective monorail system. Featuring the guest voice of Leonard Nimoy.

4:25pm Come Dine with Me Andy Daykin hosts the first dinner party in Edinburgh, opting for a Scottish-themed night complete with haggis, bagpipes and whisky.

4:55pm Come Dine with Me Irena Magdowicz hosts the second round of the culinary contest in Edinburgh, and believes her experience as a catering manager will provide her with the necessary skills to claim the £1,000 prize.

5:25pm Come Dine with Me Liz Grant plays host to the third dinner party in Edinburgh. Having flirted with 28-year-old Andy for the last two nights, Liz is determined to make her move, but her food fails to impress, with one of her starters being compared to toothpaste.

5:55pm Come Dine with Me PA and rock chick Michelle Lindsay hosts the penultimate dinner party in Edinburgh and is confident her bizarre array of dishes will impress her guests.

6:25pm Come Dine with Me Food enthusiast Toni Giugliano hosts the final dinner party in Edinburgh, and hopes to impress with a menu featuring green cocktails and haggis pasta.

6:55pm Channel 4 News Including sport and weather.

7:05pm 4thoughtv.tv A Christian lesbian who spends Christmas with her partner, their two daughters and the children's biological fathers, discusses how the Christmas story helps her reflect on what family means to her.

7:10pm Porridge (1979) Cellmates Fletcher and Godber are coerced into aiding an escape attempt organised by the sinister Groug. However, the pair are sent back to prison before their escape, but their absence is detected by the formidable Mr Mackay. Comedy based on the TV series, starring Ronnie Barker, Richard Beckinsale, Peter Vaughan, Fulton Mackay and Brian Wilde. (Subtitles) (Audio Described)

9:00pm Alan Carr's New Year Spectacular The comedian takes over the Channel 4 basement to throw a New Year's Eve party to remember, passing the drinks round to guests including Jonathan Ross, Micky Flanagan, Gok Wan, Olly Murs, Bruno Tonioli and Alesha Dixon - who proved herself fond of a glass or two when she appeared on Chatty Man just a few weeks ago.

11:25pm Rude Tube: Epic Christmas Alex Zane presents the 50 greatest festive internet videos, featuring silly antics, bankers' behaviour, inappropriate gifts, extreme car singers and the world's fastest Christmas tree. (Subtitles) (Repeat)

12:40am The Simpsons Smoke on the Daughter Lisa takes up ballet at Marge's insistence and becomes addicted to passive smoking through constant exposure to her classmates' cigarettes. Meanwhile, Homer lets Bart in on his secret business operation - manufacturing bed jerry.

1:10am Invasion of the Body Snatchers (1956) A small California town is infiltrated by sinister alien vegetable pods from outer space, which start to clone the residents and replace them with emotionless replicas.

2:30am Southland 6/6. Series 2. Maximum Deployment John, Ben and Chickie are involved in a large-scale operation to capture a rapist who has been impersonating a police officer.

3:15am St Elsewhere. When You Wish Upon a Scar, Dr Craig performs surgery for the first time since his injury. Dr Morrison deals with his new wife's kids and Dr Wade's husband asks for a divorce.

4:05am Brave New World with Stephen Hawking The theoretical physicist and his team explore how 21st-century technology is shaping the future by changing the way people live and communicate. Physicist Kathy Sykes investigates how people's every move and habit can be tracked through their mobile phone, and designer Max Lamb witnesses a new process that allows lasers to print objects in 3D. Meanwhile, environmentalist Tara Shine travels in an unmanned pod in an experimental desert city.

5:00am Brothers & Sisters. 13/24. Series 4. Run Baby Run Sall considers offence at Nora's offer of help with the taxes, while Kitty takes a career in the Senate when Robert grows disillusioned with politics.

5:50am Sall. Stowaway Gus Jackdaw secretly crashes a party and eats jelly and cakes. Narrated by Rhys Ifans.

5:55am The Hoobs Clapping Iver, Groove, Tula and Roma discover how Tiddlypeps clap their hands.



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A brilliant student hopes to study medicine, but has no way of raising the money he needs to enrol at college.



6:00am Peppa Pig Pig Pals The cheeky piglet writes to her new friend in France.

6:05am Roary the Racing Car Law and Order All the cars run amok, so Mr Carburettor calls in reinforcements to handle them.

6:15am Fifa and the Flowertots Can We Have Our Ball Back, Please? Pip agrees to a football match with Stingo and Slugs, but Bumble worries he is not a good enough player.

6:25am Fireman Sam Danger-Falling Sheep Norman tries to climb a mountain - but a sheep falls on his head.

6:40am Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. Join the Parade Harry and his friends form a marching band and perform in a parade, but find their instruments are too loud.

6:50am Castle Farm The May Fayre Leonard tries to steal gold from a unicorn taking part in a puppet show on May Day - but overlooks the noisy bells on his legs. Last in the series.

6:55am Igan Ogam My Turn The cavegirl learns to water her turn.

7:05am Roobarb and Custard Too When There Was a Pottery Party Roobarb decides to throw a garden party and makes a new tea set for the occasion.

7:15am The Milkshake Show Celebrations The trio are determined to stay up all night to welcome in the New Year at a party, and Professor Kemi Chaos shares facts about Chinese New Year decorations.

7:35am Make Way for Noddy Noddy and the Treasure Map Sly and Gobbo sell Noddy and Bumpy Dog a bogus treasure map.

7:50am Bert and the Bear Adventures Bakers The pair try to cope with a huge order at their new bakery, but end up overheating the pie machine.

8:00am Little Princess: I Want a Midnight Feast. The youngster tries to stay awake to have a midnight feast.

8:15am The Adventures of Bottom Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. The Whale Song Ned's music player confuses a pod of migrating whales.

8:35am Angelina Ballerina Angelina Cheerleader Marco is chosen to compete in the Chipping Cheddar Mouse marathon, so Angelina forms a cheerleading team.

8:55am Rupert Bear Rupert and the Memory Man A spell goes wrong, causing Edward to lose his memory.

9:05am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom The Elf Games Holly wants to join Ben in training for the games, but the rules forbid flying and magic.

9:20am The Mr Men Show Food Mr Lazy builds an unlikely reputation as the best worker at Mr Noisy's grill, and Mr Bounce's bean burgers have all of Dillydale jumping.

9:30am Roary the Racing Car Silver Hatch Pizza Mr Carburettor demands pizza for lunch, but Marsha struggles to ensure he gets what he wants.

9:40am Mist: Sheepshead Tails Woolly Winnie Mist faces a struggle to persuade stubborn ewe Winnie to overcome her fear of the clippers and have her winter fleece shorn off for summer.

10:00am Impossible! Philip Escoffey challenges married couple Sam and Melissa from Rugby, Warwickshire, to a battle of wits, aiming to test their mastery of logic, nerve and teamwork.

11:00am World's Strongest Man 2011 James Richardson and Caroline Pearce present their four of the finals from Wingate University, North Carolina, in which Lithuania's Zydrunas Savickas is competing for his third consecutive World's Strongest Man title.

12:00pm Ice Road Truckers Hugh Howlands tries to secure his position as king of the hauliers, but breaks the rules in the process, damaging some of the industrial heritage he is transporting.

12:55pm Ben Hur New governor of Judea Octavius Messala arrives in the region and meets his estranged friend Judah Ben-Hur, a Jewish prince and merchant in first-century Jerusalem. Their differing political views over local dissent lead to a bitter quarrel, and Messala uses the pretext of an accident to sell the trader into slavery.

6:35pm 21 (2008) Premiere. A brilliant student hopes to study medicine, but has no way of raising the money he needs to enrol at college.

6:55pm 55s Weekend. Round-up of the day's headlines from around the world.

7:00pm World's Strongest Man 2011. James Richardson and Caroline Pearce present their final five of the finals from Wingate University, North Carolina, where the line-up for the final was set to be decided. Britain's Jack McIntosh was among those trying to finish in the top two and progress, along with 2008 runner-up Derek Poundstone and the man who finished fourth last year, Stefan Solvi Petursson.

8:00pm TV's 50 Greatest Magic Tricks. TV illusionists have been saving bullets in half, catching bullets between their teeth, reading minds and performing feats of escapology for decades.

10:40pm Up the Front (1972) A cowardly foran is hypnotised into enlisting during the First World War. He becomes an unlikely hero by helping to seal secret German plans by having them tattooed on his bottom, but has to escape a seductive enemy agent scheming to get her hands on the information.

12:25am Comedy Kings: Best of Just for Laughs Mock the Week presenter and panel show regular Dara O Briain performs at Montreux's renowned Just for Laughs festival, along with comedian and actor Jack Whitehall, who accompanied the Irish funnyman in a record-breaking Comic Relief event on board an aircraft. Also appearing is American sitcom writer and stand-up Louis CK.

12:50am SuperCasino An interactive game offering viewers the chance to win cash on roulette, blackjack and autowheel.

4:00am Great Artists El Greco Tim Marlow charts the life of Greek artist Domenico Theotocopoulos, dubbed El Greco, one of the most distinctive painters of the 16th century. His work was considered in advance of its time - so much so that it was all but ignored for



Wallace & Gromit in The Curse of the Were-Rabbit **1.30pm**
Inventor Wallace and his canine sidekick Gromit have set up a pest-control service



6:00am Breakfast A round-up of national and international news, plus sports reports, weather forecasts and arts and entertainment features.

8:40am Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights of yesterday's Premier League clashes, including Swansea City v Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester United v Blackburn Rovers.

10:00am Winter Wipeout Richard Hammond and Amanda Byram present a new version of Total Wipeout that sees the contestants wrapping up warm to tackle a snow-covered course with winter-themed obstacles and seasonal challenges.

11:00am Mouse Hunt (1997) Two destitute brothers stand to make a fortune by auctioning off the family home, but before the sale can be finalised they face the task of evicting its resident mouse.

12:35pm BBC News

12:40pm Weather

12:45pm The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message In his annual New Year Address, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, focuses on the value of young people in society as he reflects on a year that saw civil disturbances and rising unemployment.

12:50pm Songs of Praise - New Year's Day Big Sing In the second of two seasonal specials, guest performers Alexandra Burke and Katie Melua join Aled Jones as he introduces a selection of sing-a-long hymns, including *Prayer to the Lord*, *Be Thou My Vision*, *Thine Be the Glory* and *Auld Lang Syne* for 5,000 singers at the Royal Albert Hall.

1:30pm Wallace & Gromit in The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (2005) Inventor Wallace and his canine sidekick Gromit have set up a pest-control service, and are called in to top rabbits overrunning a garden show. However, the pair are overwhelmed when a destructive giant bunny arrives on the scene, while an interfering aristocrat contrives to make matters worse. Nick Park's Oscar-winning animated adventure, with the voices of Peter Sallis, Ralph Fiennes and Helena Bonham Carter.

2:50pm The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (2008) The four Pevensie children are summoned back to the magical land of Narnia to find centuries have passed in their absence.

5:05pm BBC News Regional News and Weather.

5:30pm Bolt (2008) Premiere. The canine star of a TV show about a dog with superpowers thinks his onscreen adventures and abilities are real.

7:00pm EastEnders Extended episode. Pat's friends and family gather as her condition deteriorates rapidly.

8:10pm Sherlock 1/3. Series 2. A Scandal in Belgravia. New series. Holmes and Watson are on the case when a case of blackmail threatens to topple the monarchy.

9:40pm Absolutely Fabulous Jo Edina's client list is getting shorter by the day, and to make matters worse, her daughter despises her. So when she meets a famous French film star whom Saffy hugely admires, she believes the best way to earn back some respect - and increase her income at the same time - is to sign the actress as a client. The only problem is, the woman's talents turn out to be rather questionable. Jennifer Saunders, Joanna Lumley and Julia Sawalha star in the second of two festive specials, with an Olympic-themed third due later in the year.

10:10pm BBC News Regional News and Weather.

10:35pm Adele Live at the Royal Albert Hall Coverage of the singer-songwriter in concert in September 2011, one of the highlights of a phenomenal year for the artist, whose album 21 became the biggest-selling of the century. As well as performing hits from her most recent release, such as *Rolling in the Deep*, *Set Fire to the Rain* and *Someone Like You*, Adele can be seen singing tracks from her debut album 19.

11:35pm Cold Mountain (2003) A soldier serving in the American Civil War deserts his post and makes a long journey home to the woman he loves. She faces challenges of her own, as she struggles to run her dead father's farm and stop the cruel leader of the local home guard stealing her land. Anthony Minghella's period drama, starring Nicole Kidman, Jude Law, Renée Zellweger, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Natalie Portman and Donald Sutherland.

2:00am Weatherview

2:05am Newsday

2:30am Asia Business Report

2:45am Sport Today. News and results from around the world

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4:00am Newsday

4:30am HARDtalk. Stephen Sackur talks to people making the headlines.

5:00am BBC News

5:30am Asia Business Report The latest business news, with informed analysis.

5:45am BBC News



Dean Spanley **11.00am**
An old man and his son attend a lecture on reincarnation by an Indian swami



6:00am Bob the Builder Snowed Under: The Bobblesberg Winter Games The intrepid handyman and his crew are assigned the task of rescuing a construction team in time for the Bobblesberg Winter Games.

6:50am Mike the Knight Animated children's adventure set in a medieval kingdom, following the antics of 10-year-old knight-in-training Mike.

7:05am Who Let the Dogs Out? Dogs on Two Legs Three children teach their canine friends how to walk on their hind legs. Presented by Zak George

7:35am Sam & Mark's Big Wind Up In further highlights from Sam & Mark's Big Friday Wind-Up, the boys go undercover in Wales, and there are plenty of surprises for the studio audience.

8:05am Junior Bake Off In the second round of the grand final, the four hopefuls undertake a knowledge test, answering culinary questions and completing practical challenges. Aaron Craze presents.

8:35am Deadly 60 Romania Steve Backshall takes a close look at dogs and their close relatives, wolves.

9:00am The Sarah Jane Adventures Double bill. In Elisabeth Sladen's final appearance in the sci-fi drama, Sarah and her friends investigate a new kind of computer that could be infected with alien technology.

9:55am Gun Fury (1953) A wealthy rancher and his fiancée take the stagecoach to California, where they intend to start a new life in the wake of the Civil War.

11:15am New Year's Day Concert from Vienna 2012 Petric Trelawny presents live coverage of the annual performance by the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Mariss Jansons, at the Musikverein in the Austrian capital.

12:40pm Dean Spanley (2008) Premiere. An old man and his son attend a lecture on reincarnation by an Indian swami, where they meet a clergyman who is a staunch believer, fond of reminiscing about his past life as a dog.

2:15pm Force 10 from Navarone (1978) Ten commandos risk their lives in Yugoslavia to destroy a bridge vital to the Nazis' success in entering the Balkans.

4:15pm The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message In his annual New Year Address, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, focuses on the value of young people in society as he reflects on a year that saw civil disturbances and rising unemployment.

4:20pm The Eagle Has Landed (1976) A Nazi secret agent plans to kidnap Winston Churchill while the prime minister spends a weekend in the Norfolk countryside, and plants covert operatives in the area ready for his arrival.

6:30pm You Have Been Watching - David Croft. From Dad's Army to 'Allo 'Allo, Are You Being Served? to Hi-de-Hi! - David Croft, who died in 2011, co-wrote them all - along with Jimmy Perry and Jeremy Lloyd - introducing such memorable characters as Captain Mainwaring, Rene Artois, Mr Humphries and Ted Bovis to the world.

7:30pm Dad's Army 3/6. Series 1. Command Decision Captain Mainwaring puts the defence of the realm before personal pride, resulting in him nearly losing command of the platoon.

8:00pm Great Barrier Reef 1/3. Series 1. Nature's Miracle News series. An exploration of Australia's underwater ecosystem, one of the natural wonders of the world and the largest living structure on the planet.

9:00pm A History of Ancient Britain Special: Orkney's Stone Age Temple Neil Oliver reports on a newly discovered 5,000-year-old temple on Orkney.

10:00pm Match of the Day 2 Colin Murray reviews the day's Premier League action, featuring Sunderland v Manchester City at the Stadium of Light and West Bromwich Albion v Everton at the Hawthorns.

11:00pm Q1 XL. Hodge Podge Extended edition. Stephen Fry and regular panellist Alan Davies return for another series of the quiz with a difference, welcoming guests Ross Noble, Jack Dee and Phill Jupitus to the show.

11:45pm Broken Flowers (2005) An inveterate womaniser receives an anonymous note telling him he might be the father of a 19-year-old boy.

1:25am Newsday

1:30am Asia Business Report

1:45am Sport Today. News and results from around the world

2:00am Newsday



License to Kill **11.00am**
James Bond plans revenge on a drug baron who maimed his friend.



6:00am Mini CITV With: **6:00** Signed Stories **6:10** Fireman Sam **6:20** Bobbels **6:35** Special Agent Oso **7:00** Sooty **7:10** Annabel's Kitchen **7:25am** CITV Animated fun, including: **7:25** Monk **7:30** My Phone Genie **7:50** Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge

8:15am Scooby-Doo and the Cyber Chase (2001) The curious quintet are transported inside a video game, and need to battle their way out through mind-bending puzzles and mazes galore. However, the assorted spooks and beasts they encounter in cyberspace are much scarier than the usual crooks in masks. Animated adventure, with the voices of Bob Bergen, Scott Innes and Grey DeLisle.

9:25am Beethoven (1991) An all-American family adopts a huge St Bernard, but the father is dismayed when it turns into a one-dog disaster zone. He insists the mutt must go to a new home, but when it is kidnapped by a crooked vet, dad has a change of heart and races to the rescue. Comedy, starring Charles Grodin, Bonnie Hunt, Oliver Platt and David Duchovny.

11:00am Licence to Kill (1989) James Bond plans revenge on a drug baron who maimed his friend. However, when the British government refuses to take official action, 007 finds himself stripped of his licence to kill and forced to go it alone without the backing of M. Spy thriller, starring Timothy Dalton, Robert Davi, Carey Lowell, Talisa Soto and Benicio Del Toro

1:30pm ITV News and Weather

1:40pm Inspector Morse. 1/3. Series 1. The Dead of Jericho. First-ever episode of the popular crime drama, starring John Thaw as author Colin Dexter's Oxford detective who treats his cases as intellectual challenges. In this mystery, Morse is introduced to trusty Sergeant Lewis (Kevin Whately) and takes it upon himself to investigate the apparent suicide of a lady friend. Co-starring Gemma Jones, Patrick Troughton, James Groux and Peter Woodthorpe.

3:45pm Downton Abbey The residents celebrate Christmas 1919 with a lavish party, but tensions are rife and Bates's arrest casts a shadow over the festivities. Mary has to consider her future with Sir Richard Carlisle following a disagreement at a shoot and Violet has concerns about Rosamund, whose new suitor - the dashing but raffish Lord Hepworth - is not all he seems. One of festive special of the hit costume drama, guest starring Nigel Havers and Sharon Small, with Brendan Coyle, Michelle Dockery, Iain Glen, Maggie Smith and Samantha Bond.

5:45pm ITV News and Weather

6:00pm New You've Been Framed Top 100 Kids! Comedian Harry Hill narrates a selection of camcorder calamities and viewers' mobile-phone footage from the You've Been Framed archives featuring children, from messy eaters to troublesome teens and sibling rivalries.

7:00pm Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (2009) Premiere. The young wizard is given the task of uncovering the secrets of the dark lord Voldemort's past as the evil sorcerer's henchmen cause havoc in both the magical and mundane worlds. However, Voldemort's influence extends closer to home than expected, as Harry's rival Malfoy is chosen to carry out a sinister mission. Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Daniel Radcliffe, Michael Gambon, Emma Watson and Rupert Griin.

9:45pm The Unforgettable John Thaw A tribute to the actor, who died in 2002. The programme explores his rise to fame playing DI Jack Regan in the gritty 1970s police drama *The Sweeney*, which led to his most memorable role as Oxford sleuth Inspector Morse. The star played the opera-loving detective for 13 years from 1987, before the character was killed off. With contributions by John's widow Sheila Hancock and three daughters, plus home-movie footage.

10:45pm ITV News and Weather

11:00pm Analyze This (1999) A stressed mobster is plagued by anxiety attacks that leave him incapable of killing. When a car crash brings him into contact with a psychiatrist, he thinks he has found the solution to his problems. Naturally, the horrified shrink is reluctant to be drawn into the world of organised crime - especially when the gangster starts to intrude on his personal life, and the FBI tries to recruit him as a mole. Comedy, with Robert De Niro, Billy Crystal, Lisa Kudrow, Zach Galifianaki and Joe Vitell.

12:00am Premiership Rugby Union. Week 12 Craig Doyle presents action from the latest top-flight fixtures, including Exeter Chiefs v Harlequins at Sandy Park, Bath v London Irish at the Recreation Ground and Leicester Tigers v Sale Sharks at Welford Road.

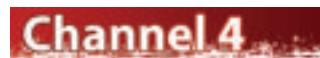
1:45am The Whole Ten Yards (2004) An anxious dentist is forced to turn to a former assassin and one-time neighbour for help when his wife is kidnapped by the Hungarian mafia - but is dismayed to discover the hitman is now a houseproud paragon of domesticity and less than enthusiastic about the prospect of tangling with gangsters again. Comedy sequel, starring Matthew Perry, Bruce Willis, Amanda Peet and Natasha Henstridge.

3:20am ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service.

5:55am TV Morning News



Deal or No Deal **6.00pm**
Contestants try to outwit the anonymous banker



5:55am The Hoobs Clapping Iver, Groove, Tula and Roma discover how Tiddypops clap their hands.

6:20am The Hoobs Smells Tula wants to smell nice for a Tiddypoop party.

6:45am The Land Before Time (1988) A young brontosaurus is left alone when his mother dies, so goes off in search of a legendary valley, where food is plentiful and he will be safe. He acquires a group of new friends on his journey, who help each other to avoid predators and obstacles in their way. Animated adventure, featuring the voices of Gabriel Damon and Pat Hingle.

8:00am Arctic Tale (2007) Premiere. Documentary examining the effects of global warming on Arctic wildlife. The film follows a walrus calf and a polar bear cub from birth. As they grow to maturity, they face a continual struggle to find food, relying on their natural instincts to protect them in an environment that is constantly changing around them. Narrated by Queen Latifah.

9:45am The Bridge on the River Kwai (1957) A British colonel in a Japanese POW camp is ordered to build a railway bridge over a river, forging a vital communications link. At first he refuses to obey, but eventually agrees to take the project on - and becomes so obsessed with the task that he creates a dilemma for an American soldier sent to destroy the structure. David Lean's Oscar-winning Second World War drama, starring Alec Guinness, William Holden and Jack Hawkins.

12:50pm Channel 4 Racing Cheltenham and Musselburgh. Alastair Down and Alice Plumkett present live coverage of six races from two meetings. From Cheltenham, races start at 1.30, 2.00, 2.35 and 3.10. From Musselburgh, at 2.15 and 2.50. Commentary by John Francome, Richard Hollies, John McCrick, Jim McGrath, Lee McKenzie and Tanya Stevenson

3:20pm True Griit (1969) One-eyed, over-the-hill US Marshal Rooster Cogburn reluctantly agrees to help a girl track down her father's killer. The quest is complicated by a Texas Ranger, who is also on the murderer's trail, and a host of villains who have few qualms about disposing of the meddling youngster and her protector. Western, starring an Oscar-winning John Wayne alongside Jeff Corey, Kim Darby, Glen Campbell, Robert Duval and Dennis Hopper.

5:45pm Channel 4 News including sport and weather.

5:55pm 4thought.tv. Comedian and Christian Milton Jones discusses why he believes Christmas is a time to become reconciled with Jesus Christ's life story.

6:00pm Deal or No Deal Contestants try to outwit the anonymous banker and guess the contents of mystery boxes to win a big-money prize of up to £250,000. With Noel Edmonds.

7:00pm Come Dine with Me Full-time mum Sheila Whelan Duffy hosts the first dinner party in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, hoping to impress call-centre worker Caroline Patterson, cost administrator Eunan Quigley and company director David Kavanagh. The week's highlights include a controversial seaweed dish, a selection of alternative therapies and a clash over a stray hair.

8:00pm The Hotel 1/8. Series 2. New series. Documentary following the ups and downs of life at the Grosvenor Hotel, Torquay, Midlands couple Faye and Mike arrive for their big day, but with a staff shortage, double-booked rooms, disagreements with the wedding co-ordinator and inclement weather, the event prompts manager Mark Jenkins to reveal he is more nervous than he was for his own wedding.

9:00pm Bear's Wild Weekend with Jonathan Ross Survival expert Bear Grylls takes call show host and novice adventurer Jonathan Ross on an expedition into the rainforests of little-known Canary Island La Palma.

10:00pm Hacks Guy Jenkin's satire inspired by the phone-hacking scandal, set at a fictional newspaper where 'any means necessary' doesn't begin to cover it. Proprietor Stanhope Feast (Michael Kitchen) demands his editor Kate Loy (Claire Foy) must get the biggest stories first.

11:05pm Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2011 Jimmy Carr tests a panel of celebrities on their knowledge of events in 2011, with question sets including Ian McKellen, Will Ferrell, Ricky Gervais, Sacha Baron Cohen, Bono and Quentin Tarantino. The contestants will be quizzed on events such as Charlie Sheen leaving Two and a Half Men, Ryan Giggs' super-injunction and the select committee on phone-hacking.

1:10am American Football Live. Danny Kelly is joined by Mike Carlson to present coverage of a match from the final weekend of the season.

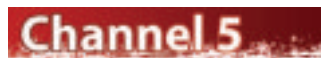
4:45am Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show Ade Adepitan attends the London Disability Athletics Grand Prix, and Rick Edwards catches up with Jason Smyth, the world's fastest paraplegian. Plus, Ivan Thomas's tandem-cycling challenge comes to a head when he takes to the track with partner Barney Storey in a race against double gold-medallist Anthony Kappes and world champion Craig MacLean.

5:10am Post Modern Pastimes Old-fashioned or unfashionable hobbies undergoing a revival.

5:25am Brothers & Sisters. The Pasadena Primacy The family meets up after Kitty reveals her plans to run for Robert's seat in the Senate, and casts anonymous votes on whether this is a good idea. Scotty's restaurant suffers a slump in business, and Kevin tries to avoid going to his high-school reunion. Drama, starring Calista Flockhart.



The Wizard of Oz **2.50pm**
Youngster Dorothy Gale is whisked over the rainbow by a tornado into the magical land of Oz



6:00am Peppa Pig **6:05am** Roary the Racing Car **6:15am** Fifi and the Flowerrots **6:25am** Fireman Sam **6:50am** Castle Farm **6:55am** Iam Ogam **7:05am** Roobarb and Custard Too **7:15am** The Milkshake! Show **7:35am** Make Way for Noddy **7:45am** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures **7:50am** Little Princess

8:05am Mio Mao: The Cricket The lively kittens encounter a cricket after hearing a singing noise coming from the grass.

8:10am Olivia Olivia Claus The youngster imagines herself as a different kind of father Christmas who returns lost items to their owners.

8:25am Milkshake! Monkey: Steam Train The puppet rides on a steam train

8:30am The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky The Tooth Fairy The duo meet a dragon with a painful tooth, and try to make him go to the dentist

8:40am Angelina Ballerina Angelina's Ballet School Angelina opens her own ballet school in the attic, but when she pushes her only pupil too hard, Ms Mimì teaches her how to make learning interesting.

8:55am Rupert Bear Rupert and the Invisible Foes Freddy and Freda trick Raggety into turning them invisible with a magical leaf.

9:05am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom Nanny Plum's Lesson The duo and Gaston rescue Nanny Plum from a predicament.

9:15am The Mr Men Show. Farm Mr Scatterbrain and Mr Tickle milk a cow, and Mr Nervous collects eggs at a farm.

9:30am Roary the Racing Car Silver Hatch Stars Roary feels put out because all the cars are paying Conrod too much attention

9:40am Mist: Sheepdog Tales The importance of Being Ernest The condition of Ernie's paws worsens, but he does not want to stop working. (Subtitles) (Repeat)

10:00am Meals in Moments Radio 1 DJ Edith Bowman joins chef Simon Rimmer to prepare eggs Benedict.

10:15am Meerkat Manor Moving On The mother of the colony is worried when one of her pups goes missing following a battle with rivals the Lazuli colony, which invaded Whiskers' territory. Narrated by Bill Nighy.

10:45am The Top 10 Aussie Soap Moments 2011 A countdown of memorable moments from popular Australian soaps Home and Away and Neighbours, celebrating the characters and storylines that have stood out for viewers over the past 12 months.

11:45am World's Strongest Man 2011. James Richardson and Caroline Pearce present heat five of the finals from Wingate University, North Carolina, where the line-up for the final was set to be decided.

12:45pm Seven Brides for Seven Brothers (1954) A cowboy from a large backwoods family decides to get married, prompting his six hell-raising brothers to follow suit.

2:50pm The Wizard of Oz (1939) Youngster Dorothy Gale is whisked over the rainbow by a tornado into the magical land of Oz, where she inadvertently kills a wicked witch - incurring the wrath of another.

4:55pm Return to Oz (1985) Dorothy is whisked back to Oz in a storm and discovers the evil Nome King has taken over the magical land and turned her old friends to stone.

6:55pm 5 News Weekend Round-up of the day's headlines from around the world.

7:00pm World's Strongest Man 2011 James Richardson and Caroline Pearce present the final from Wingate University, North Carolina, featuring the 10 strongmen to progress from the five qualifiers.

8:00pm An Audience with Dame Edna: 1980 Antipodean housewife superstar Dame Edna Everage takes centre stage in this comedy special, first broadcast in 1980, in which she demonstrates her razor-sharp wit while answering questions about her life and career.

9:15pm Most Shocking Celebrity Moments of 2011 Countdown of the year's best water-cooler stories.

12:10am The Truth About Cheryl Cole Documentary charting the pop star's rise to fame, from her beginnings on a housing estate in Newcastle, through TV talent show contestant to TV talent show judge.

1:10am SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming offering viewers the chance to win cash on roulette, blackjack and autowheel.

4:00am Meals in Moments. Hollywood stars Nick Pickard (Tony Hutchinson) joins chef Simon Rimmer to cook his version of paella.

4:10am Nick's Quest. Elephants Naturalist Nick Baker visits Uganda's Queen Elizabeth National Park, where he views its remaining elephants, all that survive of a once-thriving population devastated by the ivory trade.

4:35am Divine Designs The Wren City Dr Paul Binski investigates places of worship designed by Christopher Wren after the Great Fire of London in 1666. Assigned to rebuild 51 of the city's churches, he created a trademark open, auditorium-style feel to emphasise the shift from Catholic to Anglican dominance.

5:00am Hana's Helpline Homesick Hywel Hywel the penguin misses his old home, where he could sledge every day.

5:10am The Milkshake! Show A Different Kind of Camping The gang camps indoors, and Kemi and Beth face a tough challenge.

5:35am Stars & Friends. Topped Off Thomas Spencer and Thomas race through Kellsport station, helped by a strong gust of wind.

5:45am Roary the Racing Car. Cici Gets Fired Up Silver Hatch suffers a fuel crisis, so everyone relies on solar-powered Cici.

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THURSDAY DECEMBER 22ND

LYME REGIS: Christmas Bingo at Woodmead Halls, eyes down 8pm.

MONDAY DECEMBER 26TH

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: West Bay Wallow - free to enter, fancy dress. Charity wallow, organised by round table. For more details visit www.bridportroundtable.co.uk

SATURDAY DECEMBER 31ST

LYME REGIS: New Year's Eve Party at Lyme Regis Football Club from 7pm. Finger buffet, cocktails, disco, smart dress (suits and posh frocks). Tickets cost £5 in advance or £7 on the door, and include a glass of bubbly and the buffet. To book your ticket call 07974 651624.

SUNDAY JANUARY 1ST

BRIDPORT: New Year's Day Classic Car Meet with optional run from 11am at the Crown Inn. Refreshments available. Donations to Cancer Research UK. For information call 01308 488241.

FRIDAY JANUARY 6TH

BRIDPORT: Healing at the Diamond Doorway, 54 South Street. 10-12pm. Every Friday morning. For more details call 01308 425365 or 459438.

SUNDAY JANUARY 8TH

WEYMOUTH: 'Pie & A Pint Seasonal Circuit' Men only sponsored walk in aid of Weldmar Hospicecare Trust. 6K OR 10K route starting at 11am from The Royal Hotel, The Esplanade, Weymouth. Registration fee £15 with a FREE pie & pint of beer or lager at the end of the walk. Tel: 01305 215320 or download a form at www.weld-hospice.org.uk/pieandpint

FRIDAY JANUARY 13TH

BRIDPORT: Healing at the Diamond Doorway, 54 South Street. 10-12pm. Every Friday morning. For more details call 01308 425365 or 459438.

SATURDAY JANUARY 14TH

LYME REGIS: Uplyme Morris will perform traditional was-sailing and other dances at the Museum Square at 3pm to ensure a good apple crop in the coming year. Followed at 3.30pm (ish) by the FIRST performance of MUMMER'S THE WORD a revival of the mummung tradition in Lyme Regis, last seen in 1918/19. Free to attend, it'll be a promenade performance taking in 3 locations in the old town. Written and directed by Harry Ford, the play will give the audience opportunity to gasp at the heroics of Sir George, tremble at the ghastliness of the Woodworsler, boo! the underhand tactics of Sir Apricock (the dastardly tea-drinking Turkish knight) and swoon at the beauty of fair Sabra, the spirited Gypstian Princess. It concludes at St Michael's Church and is suitable for all the family, but the tradition includes elements that may startle the fainthearted (be prepared for one or two savage masks and eerie scenes). There will be mulled ale made to an authentic local recipe to finish, but make do make sure everyone wraps up warm. For further information contact Harry Ford on 07527821809 or by email: fordshly@gmail.com.

TUESDAY JANUARY 17TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Group meeting at 2pm in the Woodmead Halls. Demonstration of Shin Han Water-colour entitled "Fantasy Faces" by Sharon Hurst. All visitors welcome.

FRIDAY JANUARY 20TH

BRIDPORT: Healing at the Diamond Doorway, 54 South

Street. 10-12pm. Every Friday morning. For more details call 01308 425365 or 459438.

BROADMAYNE: Market from 2 - 3.30pm, at St Martin's Community Hall (Next to the Church). Raffle, craft, plants, books, Jigsaws, Cards, Local lamb, sausages & eggs, Local Watercress, cakes and preserves and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds for St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club - John Foulkes will give a presentation on the Arctic, and judging of the competition 'Kitchen', at Woodmead Halls from 7.30pm. Telephone 01297 444733 for more details.

SUNDAY JANUARY 22ND

BRIDPORT: SW Dorset LETS Lunch at St. Mary's Church Hall 12.30 for 1pm. Local Exchange Trading System. All welcome. Please contact Davina 01297 560014 for more details.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25TH

UPLYME: Talk: 'Care and Management of Trees and Shrubs' (including pruning and tool care) by David Usher. At Uplyme Village Hall from 7.30pm. Organised by Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society, members free, non-members £2. For more details call 01297 444034.

FRIDAY JANUARY 27TH

BRIDPORT: Healing at the Diamond Doorway, 54 South Street. 10-12pm. Every Friday morning. For more details call 01308 425365 or 459438.

SATURDAY JANUARY 28TH

AXMINSTER: "LET'S Get Together for Coffee & Tea" at the Arts Cafe, Axminster 10.30am to 12noon. Come & find out & meet with friends. Local Exchange Trading System Contact Davina 01297 560014 for more details.

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SUNDAY JANUARY 29TH

LYME REGIS: SW Dorset LETS Tea & Trading Event in Lyme Regis. Hallet Court Hall at 1.30pm to 5pm. Local Exchange Trading System. Contact Davina 01297 560014 for more details.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 3RD

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club - Members evening with Jennifer Hollands and Jane Pennington. Followed by viewing and judging of competition 'River Scene', at Woodmead Halls from 7.30pm. Telephone 01297 444733 for more details.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17TH

BROADMAYNE: Market from 2 - 3.30pm, at St Martin's Community Hall (next to the Church). Raffle, craft, plants, books, Jigsaws Cards, Local Sausages, Lamb & eggs, Local watercress, cakes and preserves and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds for St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

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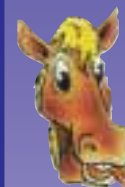
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
E	V	U	M	X	H	P	W	F	J	I	T	G

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

- One way to welcome me coming back with two more (7)
- See 13 Down
- I'm only disturbed by a maintenance grant (7)
- U.S.A.'s involved with an expensive resort in the West Indies (6)
- One of those service addresses (6)
- Touche electrical points (8)
- An edict about the words of the play (8)
- A box that slides back to reveal the prize (6)
- The craft for a tailor (6)
- See 19 Down
- Make an attack on the price for a load (6)
- State reorganised the French seaport on Elliott Bay (7)

Down

- Nutritious food brings about a change in chaps (7)
- Failing to see what's not there! (7)
- Beds down among the rocks (6)
- Medical officer gets the girls a sweet concoction (8)
- An observation about a gossamer (6)
- Lacks the ability to see a small number surrounded by hypocrisy (6)
- The chief directions the high churchman indicates (8,6)
- Those who pose as easy targets (7)
- As far as athletic events are concerned, he's just a beginner (7)
- Reduce the value of French military station (6)
- It is piled on the floor (6)
- Presumably no wide-awake criminal is apprehended in this way (6,7)

Quick Clues:

Across

- Emulation (7)
- Responds to stimulus (6)
- Frugal (7)
- Alter (6)
- Befooled (6)
- Likely (8)
- Get back (8)
- Self-possession (6)
- Gay (6)
- Make good (7)
- Stature (6)
- Withdraw (7)

Down

- Maxim (7)
- Perfect model (7)
- Brand (6)
- Saucy (8)
- Cut loose (6)
- Fester (6)
- Uncivilised (8)
- Dizziness (7)
- Under (7)
- To each (6)
- Door-keeper (6)
- Alleviation (6)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Mathematics; 9 See; 10 All at once; 11 Inapt; 13 Dailies; 14 Misery; 16 Hymnal; 18 Trainer; 19 Stern; 20 Syndicate; 21 Ass; 22 Progenitors. Down: 2 Aye; 3 Heart; 4 Malady; 5 Totally; 6 Consignee; 7 Astigmatism; 8 Beastliness; 12 Abstainer; 15 Rending; 17 Ordain; 19 Sheet; 21 Air. QUICK - Across: 1 Hard and fast; 9 Ill; 10 Seductive; 11 Entry; 13 Thinker; 14 Narrow; 16 Entomb; 18 Sadness; 19 Motto; 20 Elevation; 21 Foe; 22 Astronomers. Down: Ait; 3 Dusky; 4 Nudity; 5 Fiction; 6 Sticks out; 7 Hide and seek; 8 Heartbroken; 12 Tiredness; 15 Open air; 17 Assign; 19 Minim; 21 Far.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

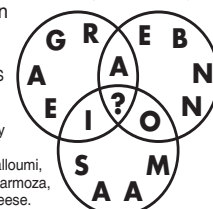
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Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
The letter represented by the question mark is M. Halloumi, Parmesan, Scamozza, all types of cheese.

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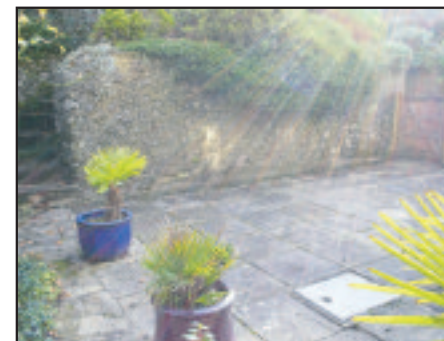
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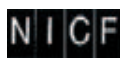
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The road maintenance campaign website, set up by the UK's leading warranty provider Warranty Direct, analysed tens of thousands of policies* to reveal the cars most and least susceptible to the nation's biggest bugbear – potholes. This winter, UK roads are set to become the worst in a generation.

After Honda, the most 'pothole-proof' manufacturers are Toyota and Hyundai, with less than 2% of their cars suffering axle and suspension damage attributable to potholes and other road defects.

Conversely, Chrysler, Mercedes-Benz and Land Rover models are the most likely to be defeated by the UK's pothole-riddled roads, with more than 10% suffering damage each year.

While the average payout for pothole-induced suspension damage is £309, Warranty Direct and Potholes.co.uk have identified recent claims as high as £2,420.

Duncan McClure Fisher of Warranty Direct, said: 'With last year's road damage barely dealt with, a repeat of those harsh winter weather conditions could see our highways deteriorate to the worst state they've been in for a generation.'

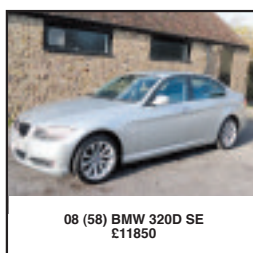
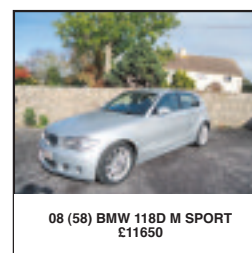
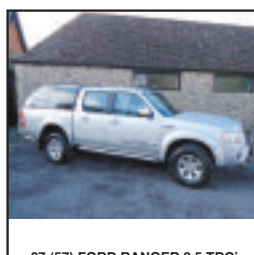
'As councils struggle to solve the pothole problem, consumers can at least be smart about their vehicle of choice. We've found some cars have an uncanny ability to absorb the jolts from even the most severe road craters, while others aren't so resilient.'

'Particularly surprising is that high-end manufacturers are just as vulnerable, if not more so, than 'value' manufacturers. However, we wouldn't lambast those at the bottom of the pile because the roads are just so bad.'

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UK pricing announced for "best-performing Jeep" ever

JUST five months after the successful launch in the UK of the internationally acclaimed new Grand Cherokee 4x4, Jeep has announced pricing of the eagerly awaited high performance SRT8 and premium Overland Summit versions.

Both these new vehicles, which are set to take the Grand Cherokee range to new heights of luxury, performance and refinement, are available to order from UK Jeep dealers now.

Grand Cherokee SRT8

The best-performing Jeep ever, the exciting new Grand Cherokee SRT8 (Street and Racing Technology- the sports arm of Chrysler Group) offers a unique blend of legendary capability and utility, head-turning SRT performance and an impressive suite of advanced technologies. Delivering outstanding driving performance in all conditions, and complemented by key SRT attributes – including functional, performance-orientated styling, world-class ride and handling, benchmark braking and race-inspired interior appointments – the SRT8 broadens the Grand Cherokee line-up and builds upon its successful launch in the UK.

Designed and constructed using the proven Street and Racing Technology formula that raises vehicle performance to astonishing levels, the Grand Cherokee SRT8 can accelerate from 0-60 mph in 4.8 seconds, has a top speed of 160 mph, and brakes from 60-0 mph in just 116 feet.

Powering the 2012 Grand Cherokee SRT8 is Chrysler Group's awe-inspiring new 6424cc HEMI V8 with Fuel Saver Technology that delivers 470 hp and 465 lb ft. of torque – an improvement of 50 horsepower and 45 lb ft. torque over the 6.1 litre HEMI V8 it replaces.

Fuel Saver Technology works by seamlessly alternating between smooth, high-fuel-economy four-cylinder mode when less power is needed, and a sporty V8 mode when more power is in demand. This optimises fuel economy when V8 power is not required, without sacrificing vehicle performance or capability.

The 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee SRT8 also comes with 45 specific safety and security features including active head

restraints, adaptive cruise control, (cruising speed to maintain a preset distance – short, medium or long – between your vehicle and the one ahead. The system uses radar to detect moving vehicles immediately ahead and modifies cruising speed if necessary), forward collision warning, (which uses front sensors to gauge relative speeds and detect when you might be approaching another car too rapidly) and rain brake support (which periodically dries the brake discs in wet conditions).

At £58,995 OTR, the 2012 SRT8 is the ultimate performance SUV and slots perfectly into the line-up as the premium sports performance version of this celebrated brand's flagship Grand Cherokee model.

Grand Cherokee 3.0 CRD Overland Summit

The New Overland Summit model elevates Grand Cherokee to new levels of luxury and refinement in the premium sport-utility vehicle sector. It is priced at £44,795.

Available in a new, exclusive Rugged Brown paint scheme, with a unique fully chromed grille and fog lamp bezels, and riding on 20-inch bright, polished aluminium wheels, the Overland Summit takes all the features of the current top-of-the-range Overland, and adds even more refinement and equipment.

Powered by a 237 hp, 2987cc V6 CRD diesel engine, the Overland Summit's real wood and distinctive polished trim surround passengers with the highest levels of craftsmanship. Wood trim is also used on the leather-wrapped, heated steering wheel.

The Grand Cherokee Overland Summit boasts a black lower and saddle upper interior trim colour, along with saddle-coloured Nappa heated and ventilated leather seats – with perforated inserts, accent piping and unique stitching – and Berber floor mats with black and chestnut accent binding.

Among the huge list of standard equipment on the Overland Summit is the Advanced Warning System and Adaptive Cruise Control group, which consists of Adaptive Cruise Control, Forward Collision Warning, Blind Spot Monitoring and Rear Cross-path detection systems.

"The new Jeep Grand Cherokee is already one of the industry's talking points, not only with our customers, but with the media too," says Nigel Land, brand director, Jeep Chrysler UK. "So we are delighted to be bringing these two amazing new variants here. They will broaden our offering still further to create a highly accomplished range of 4x4

vehicles that offer all that's best in high-level sports utility vehicles.

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▲ Grand Cherokee Overland Summit

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Bridport Res 3-1 Parley Sports
Chickereil Utd 0-6 Wincanton
Cranborne 1-2 Westland Sports
Poole Boro 6-5 Tintinhull
Sturm Marshall 4-1 Merley Cobham
Swanage & H 0-4 Portland United

SENIOR LEAGUE
Bishops Caundle 1-3 Okeford Utd
Blandford Utd Res 3-3 Portland Utd
Chickereil Res 0-3 Wareham Rangers
Piddletrenthide 1-2 Witchampton
Sturm Newton 2-0 Stourpaine
Up & Broadway 1-2 Weymouth Sp

DIVISION ONE
Bere Regis 0-1 Westland Sports Res
Dorchester A 1-0 Dorchester Boro
Poundbury 4-1 Swanage & H Res
Ship Inn Wool 3-4 Poole Boro Res

DIVISION TWO
Corfe Mullen Utd 5-0 Wyke Regis SC
Crossways 3-2 Sturm Newton Res

Balti House 0-3 Weymouth Spartans

DIVISION THREE
AFC Cobham 5-1 Bere Regis Res
Portesham Utd 0-2 Donhead Utd

DIVISION FOUR
Galaxy Res 3-5 Puddletown
Handley Sports 8-2 Bishops Caundle
Poundbury 1-2 Stalbridge
Weymouth Spart 3-2 Littlemoor

DIVISION FIVE
Pimperne Sports 2-2 AFC Blandford
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Dorset Senior Trophy
WIMBORNE TOWN 0-2 KINGSTON LACY
KINGSTON Lacy eased into the last eight with a 2-0 victory at Wimborne Town and now have a home tie against either Gillingham Town or Parley Sports in the Quarter finals.

Dorset Minor Cup QF Replay
DORCHESTER CC 1-2 FERNDOWN SPORT
FERNDOWN Sports booked their place in the semi-finals with a 2-1 win at Dorchester Community Church thanks to goals from Michael Green and Kalid Sreti.

Roger Frapwell netted the Dorch consolation.

SENIOR LEAGUE
WAREHAM Rangers extended their lead in pole position to eight points and maintained their unbeaten record following their 3-0 success at Chickereil United.

Portland United lost ground on the leaders when were held to a 3-3 draw at Blandford.

Dan Skelton (2) and Billy Hutchinson scored for the Islanders while netting for the Royals were Mark Ford (2) and Dan Haylock.

Witchampton United moved up into the top five with a 2-1 victory at Piddletrenthide with the host's consolation goal coming from Josh Amey.

Weymouth Sports made the short trip to Upwey & Broadway and returned with all three points after a 2-1 win. Adam Billings netted for the hosts.

DIVISION ONE
WESTLAND Sports moved six points clear in pole position following their single goal win at Bere Regis.

Poole Borough stay in the top three with a 4-3 win at The Ship Inn, Wool. Chris Eaton, Richard Loader and Robert Loveless scored for the hosts.

Poundbury beat Swanage Town & Herston 4-1 with goals from Ross Foot (2), Matthew Dear and Martin Oliver.

A Leigh Cornick goal earned Dorchester Town a 1-0 victory in the derby game with Dorchester Borough.

DIVISION TWO
UNBEATEN Corfe Mullen United stormed 10 points clear with 5-0 hammering of Wyke Regis Social Club. Greg Arnold (2) Steven Morris, Daniel Flooks and Mike Hawes scored the goals.

Calum Bigg, Danny Hill and Dean Taylor were on target as Weymouth Spartans hoisted themselves up, into fifth place with a 3-0 win at The Balti House.

DIVISION THREE
AFC Cobham extended their lead at the top to a massive 10 points after a 5-1 victory against Bere Regis

thanks to goals from Phil Grounds (2), Simon Baxter, Si Lock and Dan King.

Donhead United stay in third place on goal difference after they won 2-0 at Portesham.

DIVISION FOUR
A JAMES Dunham goal couldn't save Poundbury from 2-1 home defeat at the hands of Stalbridge. Puddletown moved out of the bottom two with a 5-3 victory at Galaxy. Elliott Gould (2) and Justin Faulkner scored for the hosts.

Fourth placed Weymouth Spartans beat their local rivals Littlemoor 3-2 with goals from Lee Miles (2) and Aaron Ryan while Sean Zima scored both for Littlemoor.

Blandford moved three points clear at the top after a 2-2 all draw at Pimperne. Dan Guy scored twice for the hosts.

Broadstone moved into the top three with an 8-0 win at bottom-of-the-table Poundbury Rovers.



PREMIER	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Portland United	19	15	2	2	53	47
Wincanton Town	18	14	4	0	43	43*
Hamworthy Res	17	13	1	3	39	40
Westland Sports	17	12	3	2	41	39
Holt United	17	10	2	5	15	32
Chickereil United	17	10	2	5	12	32
Swanage & Herston	18	10	1	7	5	31
Parley Sports	20	9	3	8	-5	30
Bridport Reserves	17	9	2	6	14	29
Poole Borough	19	8	4	7	10	28
Blandford United	19	7	4	8	-6	25
Sturm Marshall	19	7	3	9	6	24
Tintinhull	19	5	4	10	-18	19
Hamworthy Utd Res	18	4	3	11	-37	15
Cranborne	19	4	2	13	-23	14
Weymouth Reserves	17	5	2	10	-12	11*
Merley Cobham Spts	17	3	2	12	-18	11
Shaftesbury	19	3	2	14	-45	11
Sherborne Res	18	0	2	16	-76	2



SENIOR	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Wareham Rangers	14	10	4	0	21	34
Portland Utd Res	13	7	5	1	18	26
Upwey & Broadway	14	8	2	4	5	26
Kingston Lacy	12	7	4	1	9	25
Witchampton Utd	13	7	2	4	4	23
Weymouth Sports	15	6	3	6	1	21
Sturm Newton Utd	14	6	2	6	1	20
Okeford United	13	5	3	5	6	18
Bishops Caundle	15	4	6	5	3	18
Stourpaine	13	4	3	6	0	15
Gillingham Res	13	4	1	8	-12	13
Chickereil Utd Res	13	4	2	7	-11	10
Piddletrenthide	13	1	4	8	-12	7
Blandford Utd Res	15	1	3	11	-33	6

DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Westland Sports	14	11	2	1	36	35
Mere Town	11	9	2	0	41	29
Poole Boro Res	14	8	1	5	16	25
Poundbury Rovers	15	7	4	4	8	25
Granby Rovers	9	7	0	2	21	21
Bere Regis	14	6	1	7	14	19
Merley Cobham	13	6	0	7	-11	18
Ship Inn, Wool	14	5	2	7	-6	17
Wincanton Res	14	5	2	7	-12	17
Dorchester A	13	5	1	7	-8	16
Swanage & H Res	11	4	0	7	-14	12
Kangaroos	11	3	2	6	-9	11
Dorchester Borough	12	2	2	8	-19	8
Shaftesbury Res	11	0	1	10	-57	1

DIVISION TWO	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Corfe Mullen Utd	13	12	1	0	46	37
Milborne Sports	11	9	0	2	36	27
Bridport 3rds	13	8	3	2	25	27
11th Signals	11	8	0	3	28	24
Weymouth Spartans	13	8	0	5	13	24
Dorchester Sports	11	7	1	3	13	22
Gillingham A	11	5	3	3	9	18
Balti House	14	6	0	8	-11	18
Wyke Regis SC	11	3	3	5	-25	12
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Crossways	12	3	0	9	-15	9
Corfe Castle	13	1	1	11	-32	4
Sturm Newton Res	13	1	1	11	-40	4

DIVISION THREE	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
AFC Cobham	14	11	1	2	24	34
Piddlehinton Utd	12	7	3	2	20	24
Donhead United	10	8	0	2	18	24
Soccer FC	12	6	0	6	12	18
Bere Regis Res	11	5	1	5	4	16
Portesham United	12	5	1	6	1	16
Maiden Newt & C	13	5	0	8	-7	15
Stickland United	12	4	2	6	-21	14
Galaxy FC	10	4	0	6	-4	12
Okeford Utd Res	11	3	1	7	-17	10
Cranborne Res	13	2	1	10	-30	7

DIVISION FOUR	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Handley Sports	12	7	3	2	26	24
Overmoigne	11	7	2	2	3	23
Stalbridge	11	6	2	3	7	20
Weymouth Spartn	12	6	1	5	9	19
Littlemoor	11	4	4	3	1	16
Poundbury Res	14	4	4	6	-11	16
Bishops Caundle Rs	12	5	0	7	-10	15
Puddletown	12	4	0	8	-8	12
Galaxy Res	11	1	7	3	-5	10
Swanage & H A	12	2	3	7	-8	8*

DIVISION FIVE	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
AFC Blandford	13	10	1	2	37	30
Mere Res	11	9	1	1	36	28
Broadstone	13	9	1	3	29	28
Donhead Utd Res	12	8	3	1	23	27
Pimperne Sports	12	5	3	4	23	18
Marnhull	12	3	2	7	-20	11
Handley Sports	11	3	2	6	-30	11
Maiden Newt & C	10	3	1	6	-18	10
Dorchester CC	10	3	0	7	-6	9
Milborne Sports	11	2	2	8	-18	5
Poundbury A	13	1	2	10	-56	5

Portland brothers' double boxing success

THERE was double success for the Hearnshaw family at the recent Portland Boxing Club Christmas dinner with Dan turning round a poor start to his career by making it three wins out of four this season, whilst elder brother Sean, making his debut, was a narrow points winner.

Dan was up against former Dorchester boxer James Kiss from the new Dunavaria boxing club. Using his skills he kept it simple to beat Kiss to the shot every time to notch up an easy win.

Brother Sean having his first bout and was up against hard hitter Nick Reeves from Bournemouth's Wessex ABC, and had to learn quickly as his opponent meant business from the start and he was behind on points after the first round.

However, his coaches have watched Reeves box two weeks earlier so knew what to expect, and Hearnshaw dug deep in the second round. With both boxers tired by the third, it was the Portland boxer that stuck to his game plan to run out a narrow points winner.

The Portland club unfortunately were hit by injuries to Ryan Thomas and Sam King, both out with ankle injuries, and were missing several other boxers including Harry

Williams who was in Thailand.

Club captain Arran Thomas was also unlucky not to box when his opponent pulled out less than 24 hours before the tournament.

However the packed audience were not disappointed either by the meal or the performances of the boxers who all gave a solid display in the 12 bout programme at the Conservative Club's Jubilee Hall.

The evening began with a minutes silence to honour "Butch" Nash, a great supporter of the club who recently passed away.

All the Portland boxers and officials crowded the ring to honour a man who had helped get the club off the ground and been a committee member for many years.

First into the ring for Portland was Taylor Wakefield who boxed John Corson from Weymouth who despite having his first bout, proved an equal match for Wakefield who had to use all his skill to keep Corson at bay.

However it was the Portlander's experience at the end that told, with him grabbing a few scoring shots in the last seconds to snatch the bout.

Kane Hamilton like his junior stablemate Wakefield was having his

first bout of the season, was matched against Jack Robertson from Watchet.

From the start it was clear that Hamilton meant business, and there was nothing Robertson could do as Hamilton punished him whenever he came into range to score an easy points win.

These were important warm-ups for both Portland boxers who will be taking part in the schoolboy championships in January.

Both Luke Alder and Tom Jarvis had tough opponents but both battled hard in their bouts but were beaten on points.

In the National Schoolgirl 48-50kg semi-final fight, B Murphy of Sturminster Newton ABC found Gosport's M Morgan too good and the ref stopped the fight.

Results: (winners in bold type) National Schoolgirl 48-50kg Semi-final: B.Murphy (Sturminster Newton) v M.Morgan (Gosport) rsc outclassed, J.Corson (Weymouth) v T.Wakefield (Portland) una pts; L.Laird (Barnstaple) v K.Cluet (Dorchester) una pts; J.Robertson (Watchet) v K.Hamilton (Portland) una pts; J.Jones (Barnstaple) v C.Jones (Lydney) maj pts; I.Kakar (Lydney) v T.Jarvis (Portland) una pts; H.Sugars (Barnstaple) v

L.Alder (Portland) maj pts; R.Parker (Weymouth) v C.Lester (Lymstone) una pts; T.Walden (Dorchester) v C.Davidge (Sweet-box) una pts; J.Kiss (Dunavaria) v D.Hearnshaw (Portland) una pts; T.Allum (Barnstaple) v A.Davis (Blandford) una pts; N.Reeves (Wessex) v S.Hearnshaw (Portland) una pts.



FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

Darts deflate Magpies with late leveller

with Stuart Broom

Miserly Magpies keep run going BROMLEY 0 DORCHESTER TOWN

DESPITE having lost their last nine games, Bromley were in no mood to concede a tenth as they battled it out with Dorchester at a wet and blustery Hayes Lane who themselves stretched their unbeaten Blus Square South run to eight games.

The Magpies having conceded three times against Farnborough a week earlier looked to shore up their defence and as a result chances were few and far between, the closest either side getting in the first-half when Lillywhites defender Rob Gillman blocked Rico Wilson's goalbound effort.

The second half was just as tight as Bromley appeared more content in stopping the rot and not conceding, than scoring goals themselves. They rarely threatened the Magpies defence as they made it hard for the visitors to break them down.

Nathan Walker did have a header saved by keeper Tommy Forecast and Ben Dickenson went close with a couple of efforts, with Dorchester's gloveman Alan Walker-Harris only really tested once when having to make a smart save from a Lewis Taylor header.

Manager Alan Knight who has presided over victory at Maidenhead United and draw at home to Farnborough since his appointment was delighted to keep the unbeaten run going despite Bromley having lost their previous nine.

"It had the potential of a banana skin written all over it. They're fighting for their lives which were shown by the fact they played with only one up front despite playing at home. They parked the bus and hoped to hit us on the break.

"On an evening where it was blowing a gale and on a bobbly pitch we kept trying, but didn't have that little bit of luck. But to keep the unbeaten run going and a clean sheet was good, so I wasn't too disappointed with a point or the performance of the boys."

DARTFORD 1 DORCHESTER TOWN 1 -

A LAST gasp equaliser saw victory snatched from Dorchester Town as they extended their unbeaten Blue Square South league run to nine games.

It was deep into added time when Danny Harris finished off some good work by Tony Garrod to cancel out Jamie Symes' maiden goal for the Magpies.

Symes had been drafted into the starting line up as a replacement for Jamie Gleeson who was suffering from a hamstring injury, and was joined by Andrew White who joined the Magpies on Friday on a three-month loan from Eastleigh.

Dorchester were positive from the start and White almost made a dream debut after ten minutes when he lobbed Darts

keeper Louis Wells but his shot struck the post.

Little was seen of the home attack despite them holding third place, and twice Nick Crittenden went close to giving the Magpies the lead before they were denied a possible penalty after White was brought down, and then Ben Dickenson forced Well to turn his shot over the crossbar.

Dartford finally found a forward gear after the break and Alan Walker-Harris, once again showed what a good keeper he is by producing a super save from Elliot Bradbrook header.

However Dorchester regained control midway through the half and deservedly took the lead on 71 minutes when Symes rifled home a spectacular 25-yarder to record his first goal for the county side.

Although Dartford might have equalised on 82 minutes when an uncharacteristic error by Walker-Harris, who spilled Garrod's shot, saw Ryan Hayes shoot over, it looked might they might bring home the three points their performance deserved until Harris' late strike.

Manager Alan Knight said: "We put in a fantastic performance and more than matched a side who are third in the league, and it was disappointing to concede in the 93rd minute, as I think we just about deserved to win.

"The first half was even-steven and it was much the same after the break until Jamie's goal which was a great effort, and I thought we would go onto win. Unfortunately we possibly didn't hold the ball up well enough in their half in added time and they sneaked an equaliser.

"Before the game we would have taken a point all day long, but after the great shift that the lads put in it felt more like a defeat. I don't want the lads to get down about it as we have now taken another point from a top three team, as we did at Chelmsford, and I think teams will now take us a bit more seriously."

Although reluctant to pick out individuals in what was another good team performance Knight said: "There were good performances all over the pitch and they all did their job well, but I f l had to pick one out of what was a fantastic team performance I guess it would be Nick Crittenden.

"He had a great game against a full back who is supposed to be decent going forward, but he put the pressure on him resulting in him having to defend for most of the game. Nick's been out with flu but he came back in against Bromley which was tough, and then put in a terrific shift on Saturday and caused them problems; I was very impressed with him."

Reflecting on Andrew Whites debut he added: "We had to defend from the front and Andrew and Ben (Dickenson) both worked hard to stop them playing it out from the back.

"Naturally it took him a little while to adapt to our style of play but he worked hard. He tired towards the end and started

to feel his groin a bit so we swapped him with Rico (Wilson) who also did well."

Groover gets Terras back to winning ways WEYMOUTH 2 BASHLEY 1 - ATT: 421

MATT Groves showed he had lost none of his predatory instincts by securing the points for Weymouth with a 76th minute winner against Bashley after setting up Warren Byerley's opener.

Weymouth stung by the poor performance at Hitchin at the beginning of the week were boosted by the return of James Coutts, on a month's loan from AFC Totton who took his place in midfield.

Bashley started the better and Mark Gamble went close when he acrobatically volleyed over the top. Weymouth finally found their feet and put the visiting defence under pressure forcing five successive corners. Keeper Tommy Smith then did well to keep out Stephen Reed's drive before Coutts fired over the top.

Goalless at the break, Weymouth took the lead on 63 minutes when a superb ball from Reed in his own half released Groves down the right.

His cross into the six yard box caused panic in the Bashley defence and when Coutts wayward shot was deflected back to Groves the striker once more played the ball back into the goalmouth where Byerley swept it home from close range.

It looked to be going Weymouth's way when two minutes later Jack Smith was red carded for a reckless challenge on Scott Dixon, but two minutes later the Terras were also reduced to ten men in a controversial incident.

Gamble played a ball through the heart of the home defence for Richard Gillespie to chase. It was debatable whether Ben Gerring's challenge was inside the box or if indeed he got a slight touch on the ball before Gillespie.

The referee's decision was that the big defender did not touch the ball and caught the Bashley strikers back leg and that it was inside the area.

Former Magpie Dave Allen scored from the spot, and although Tom Manley did well to get his hand to the ball he could not stop it going in just inside his right hand post.

Manley then had to be alert to palm away Gamble's free kick at the foot of his near post, before Groves produced a typical striker's goal for the winner.

Ian Oliver tried to intercept another diagonal pass from Reed aimed at Groves running down the right, but his attempted header back to his keeper was weak, and as Smith advanced to close down the angle the Weymouth striker neatly tucked the ball under him from the angle of the penalty area and just inside the far post.

Manley ensured the Terras claimed all three points when he tipper Gillespie's drive over the top before smothering the ball in the final seconds as Gamble moved in.

Bees come from behind to tame Parley BRIDPORT RESERVES 3 PARLEY SPORTS 1

BRIDPORT Reserves had to come from behind to earn a good victory over a notoriously difficult Parley Sports side.

Bridport had opened brightly and created three or four good opportunities before they fell behind against the run of play midway through the first half when despite the efforts of Carl Bulman who did well turn a header from the Sports striker against his crossbar, the visiting player reacted first to nod home the rebound.

Roger Cummings equalised ten minutes later when he received Robin Jones' through ball on the edge of the box and drove home.

Despite taking control again, the Bees had a scare early in the second-half when Jamie Fry was called upon to make a good save before they edged ahead just after the hour when Cummings beat the keeper to a near post cross to score.

They secured all three points with 20 minutes left when Tristan Gale and Jones combined before the latter crossed for Ben Clarke to score.

Bridport Skittles League

CUP fixtures for week beginning Monday, January 9th

Mens Nomination Individuals (1st round – 8 winner each alley)
Monday January 9th
CLOCK — S. Pitcher;
B.Samways; H.Rathbone;
C.Wilcox; D.Cooper;
K.Groves; B.Herbert; A. Caldwell; M.Gurd; M.Powell; P.Scott; I.Pincombe;
D.Cowburn; Z.Cauldwell.

Thursday, January 12th
WEST DORSET CLUB —
C.Barnes; H.Mills; R.Frampton; S.Lee; C.Langdon;
S.Smith; G.Barnes; M.Horton; N.Lee; M.Hooper;
L.Dare; G.Brooks; D.Hocking; R.Pincombe.

Ladies Pairs (1st round)
Tuesday, January 10th
BRADPOLE CLUB — J.Cake & M.Dare; J.Dawe & S.Tompkins; A.Wiscombe & V.Cozen; H.Doble & M.Paulley; V.Burt & Partner; M.Hansford & S.Galpin; E.Hooper & J.Doble; K.Way & C.Cross.

Wednesday, January 11th
KING CHARLES — B.Crandall & J.Jones; S.Luter & J.Brooks; S.Blandford & J.Parsons; C.Huxter & R.Chubb; G.Legg & S.Newman; C.Lambert & C.Clare; L.Dunk & L.Cowburn; K.Tuck & J.Smyrn.

Harding receives national award

WEYMOUTH Rugby Club Head Coach Paul Harding has been named as the RFU Adult Coach of the Year 2011. Harding is not only head coach of the senior sides by also coaches the Uunder 15s and 16s teams.

The building of the relief road for Weymouth has meant the club losing some its pitches and facilities at their Monmouth Road home over the last two years whilst it was constructed which Harding's job all the more difficult.

Weymouth RFC Chairman Glyn Arnold in congratulating his head coach said: "This was a well deserved award particularly in light of all the problems with the relief road being built.

"It hasn't been easy for Paul to maintain the enthusiasm and motivation of the players in what were very difficult conditions. However he took up the challenge and what he has achieved in such trying times is a testament to him and he really deserves this award."

Whilst the lost pitches and facilities have been replaced following the completion of the relief road, unfortunately the pitches are often waterlogged due to a faulty drainage system which the club are currently trying to resolve with the local authorities.



■ TOP MAN: Weymouth RFC Head Coach Paul Harding who has been named the RFU's Adult Coach of the Year 2011

Christmas comes early for Buckler

BALLYEGAN gave local trainer Bob Buckler an early Christmas present by breaking his recent losing sequence.

After a brilliant summer's racing which reaped the Henley trainer £40,000 of prize money, the autumn has been bleak, and whilst there have been some notable performances including **Double Dizzy's** two cross country races at Cheltenham and two gusty runs from **The Sawyer**, Buckler's horses had only found their way into the enclosures for placed horses.

It was great relief therefore that after a run of thirty odd races **Ballyegan** showed the kind of form he is capable of winning the oddsanywhere.com Novices' Handicap Chase at Towcester.

Having finished third in his last race at Exeter over three miles two weeks ago, Buckler brought him back over the slightly shorter distance of 2¾ miles and jockey Andrew Glasonbury used this to great advantage.

Always up in the first three he jumped well and three fences out went for home and opened up a four length lead to win easing up by two lengths from Musical Wedge.

Having had some slight breathing problems in his two runs this season Buckler used a tongue tie and this time there was no repetition of the problem.

"Whether it would have had any bearing on his last two races we don't know, but the tongue tie ensured there was no problems this time.

"I thought he would go close this time, but it was one of those races when you studied the form of the other 11 horses in the race you could only discount two as not having a real chance of winning.

"He jumped well and had no problems in

getting the distance and was idling at the finish."

The Sawyer ran another strong race in the Class 1GL Events Owen Brown Silver Cup Handicap Chase (Listed) at Ascot finishing fifth to Paul Nicholls' The Minack.

The 11-year-old, the oldest in the race, took on the field from the start and made it a good pace and it wasn't until halfway down the back straight second time around that he was headed.

However he continued to stay in contention with the leading pack and was only run out of third place in a fine finish behind Reve de Sivola who was third in the John Smith Handicap Chase at Aintree earlier this year, and Cheltenham Gold Cup third Neptune Colonges.

"He ran a super race again. It was a good run but was just beaten by the pace of the younger horse."

It was also good to see Nathan Sweeney back in the saddle after five months sidelined with a broken leg.

Two new horses made their debuts and showed promise.

Inca Cave who recently moved to the stable from Pat Rodford was having only his second chase of his career following a 279 day break and finished seventh in a 3¾ mile handicap chase at Bangor-on-Dee.

"He ran very well, he just got tired. He jumped well but got stuck in the mud, but the run will have done him good after such a long lay-off."

La Madonnina was making her debut in the E.B.F. Kentford Racing Fillies' Junior Standard Open NH Flat Race at Newbury.

The tiny three-year-old filly was up against some fast company, many who have been

Bridport bowls club

by Brian Baker

BRIDPORT Mens (B) team of Mel Griffiths, Derek Harp and Brian Conisbee were on great form against the Dolphin (Poole) in the Purbeck Trophy League, thrashing their opponents 27-6, and with Bernard Winton, David Eastman and Brian Morgan edging a 13-12 win, they secured the maximum points.

In the next match Madeira (Exmouth) were the visitors and left with a 72-44 overall win in Bridport's annual three-rink mixed friendly. Brian Pratt, Brian Parker, Gill Hunt

and Brian Rumble came back from 0-6 down to take a 13-7 lead at 10 ends, finally winning 23-15.

John Davis, John Groves, Bernard Waterman and Max Dare were taking a pasting, 1-20 down after 13 ends but a strong finish gave them a respectable 11-23 score line.

Sue Caen, Phil Hedges, Peter Hunt and David Eastman were competing well to trail 7-11 at the 10 end tea interval. But a disastrous start after tea saw them drop 4-7 counts, finally losing 10-34.

Dorchester Snooker League news

RESULTS: West Dorset Club A 5 Trinity Express 3, Colliton Hopefuls 3 Colliton XQ 2011 4, Colliton Nomads 4 Colliton XQ 2011 3, West Dorset Club C 5 Trinity M 3, Colliton Club B 2 Purbeck Potters 5, Colliton Cons 6 Colliton Hopefuls 3.
Leading breaks: G.Bartlett 35, D.Spiller 35, E.Wellman 33 & 30.
Top break of the season ; Mark Beale (Trinity Gooduns) and Graham Bartlett (West Dorset Club A) both 66.

	P	W	D	L	NR	Pts
West Dorset Club A	10	7	2	1	0	49
Colliton Cons	11	7	1	3	0	45
Trinity Gooduns	11	7	1	3	0	45
Trinity Express	12	4	2	6	0	45

Trinity M	12	4	2	6	0	44
West Dorset Club A	9	5	2	2	0	44
Colliton XQ2011	11	5	1	5	0	40
Purbeck Potters	10	3	4	3	0	39
WDC Whipping Boys	11	4	0	7	0	34
Colliton Club B	11	1	2	8	0	34
Colliton Nomads	10	5	1	4	0	32
Colliton Hopefuls	10	3	0	7	0	30

Team Handicap Knock-out Cup results; West Dorset Club A 4 West Dorset Club C 3, Colliton Hopefuls 3 Colliton Nomads 4, Colliton Club B 4 Trinity M 3, Colliton Cons 4 Trinity Express 2.

Semi-final draw; Colliton Nomads v West Dorset Club A (at Trinity), Colliton Cons v Colliton Club B (at Colliton) - both Jan 5th.

bred for the flat and were either using the race for experience or had not made the grade.

"She behaved very maturely and ran okay against some fast horses. She was running on at the finish and this will have been valuable racecourse experience for her."

Malin Head was disappointing in his third hurdle race at Ascot on Friday.

"It is common knowledge that sires of Pre-

senting need good ground and this was far too soft for him.

"He will now go novice handicap chasing once the ground improves."

River Indus who along with **Ethiopia** and **Cullahill** were mainly responsible for Buckler's great summer, has arrived back in the yard after his break with his owners, and will now be prepared for a chasing campaign in the spring

RUGBY ROUND-UP

with Keith Jenkin

Bridport backs hold the key to big win

THREE of the four local clubs were involved with away games on the last league Saturday of 2011.

BRIDPORT however had a home game and I travelled to a rather squelchy Brewery Ground to watch their game against NORTH DORSET 2nd.

BRIDPORT 41 NORTH DORSET 2nd 7

IN fact the Brewery Ground was firmer than it had any right to be for this Dorset & Wilts League game.

Early indications were that this would be an interesting contest for while the visitors, who had the slight advantage of the lateral breeze initially, certainly showed an edge in the scrum and maul, they looked a little fragile in the backs and, after some five minutes, Bridport thrust down the left, switched, made the ball available and following a good break in the mid-field Harry Clark got over out wide. The cross wind was to make place kicking difficult all game and the try remained unconverted.

The visitors came back immediately however and a grubber kick from their midfield took play close to the home line. The next few minutes were spent in home territory but possession was finally turned over and the ball cleared.

Bridport continued to hold the upper hand in the backs and scored again before the game was fifteen minutes old. They ran a rather ineffectual kick out of the visitors' defence, back at them from around their own 10 yard line, sent the ball wide and winger Steffan McMasters got outside the cover and touched down halfway out. King added the extras and Bridport were twelve points to the good in as many minutes.

The home forwards then took a hand and rumbled their way over some ten yards in from touch a couple of minutes later, with Sullivan coming up with the ball. North Dorset were not done however. They forced their way into home territory, took a ball against the head at a set scrum and crashed over close to the posts.

The try was converted, but the home side sewed up the bonus point after 25 minutes after centre Smith had done a little show and go, and got in under the posts. King converted to take the score to 24-7 in home favour.

Bridport were spoiling their effort by giving away too many penalties, and their opponents prospered as a consequence.

The home side did remain in control over for the remainder of the half however and scored again before the interval when, from a position inside their opponents' twenty two, out half King made a useful break and centre Dave Smith got over for his second score of the half.

This unconverted try took the score to 29-7 at the halfway stage, with Bridport well in control of the result.

Bridport had the marginal benefit of the breeze in the second half and play throughout the third quarter, albeit rather scrappy, took place in North Dorset's territory.

On the hour however Bridport roused themselves, sent the ball wide to the left where Harry Clark showed good pace to outstrip the cover and touch down out wide. The try too remained unconverted.

North Dorset's edge at the set scrums had disappeared during the second half and after some ineffectual tackling close to their line following a Bridport shove, hooker Muhl went over.

North Dorset, well beaten though they were, kept going until the end and the game ended with them on the attack.

Bridport have a set of strong running and pacy threequarters and they were well supplied with useable ball by their halves. I thought that they put last week's rather turgid performance behind them.

They'll have to watch that penalty count however. As for the North Dorset side, I did expect them to have given Bridport a closer game. They showed defensive frailties throughout however and failed to cope with the running of the home back division.

The Bridport second side's "up and down" season continues. This week was certainly an "up" as they came out on top of the Swanage & Wareham third side by two points to 13.

NORTH DORSET 10 DORCHESTER 6

IT would be wrong to assess either side on this performance in view of the howling gale that blew straight down the ground and was the dominant factor throughout.

Dorchester had the elements in their favour initially and spent much of the first period in their opponents' twenty two.

They fell behind to a breakaway converted try however and, although Bament reduced the arrears by kicking a penalty goal late in the half, this score was countered before the break by a similar home effort, kicked during one of their few incursions into Dorchester's territory.

North Dorset would certainly have been the happier outfit at the halfway stage, having weathered Dorchester's storm so to speak, and they would have felt confident of stretching away to win comfortably. It did not happen.

Dorchester's defence was now as solid as North Dorset's had been and a penalty goal was the league leaders' only reward for their pressure. This was countered before the end by a similar Bament effort as Dorchester held on to claim a well deserved losing bonus point.

In fact the Dorchester junior sides enjoyed a pretty good day, with their seconds beating visitors, Salisbury thirds 55-12; while their thirds won at their Weymouth counterparts 22-5.

NORTH DORSET 3rd 0 PUDDLETOWN 37

THE visitors played with the not inconsiderable wind at their backs in the first period and their early pressure paid off when skipper Yeatman opened the scoring by kicking a penalty goal.

They continued to have the edge and scant minutes later, good work by scrum half Welch and centre Hiscock set Spicer free and the number eight got over for Yeatman to convert.

The home side responded by keeping the ball in their large and lumpy pack and, after taking play into Puddletown territory, asked questions of the defence for a considerable period of the half.

The defence coped however and, just before the change round, out half Dovell broke and chipped ahead. The ball fell into space and House was well up to gather and score. The try remained unconverted and the half time whistle blew soon after.

At this stage the North Dorset camp would, in all probability, have been the more satisfied. Sure they trailed by 15-0 but their effort had been going well and they would now have the elements in their favour.

The home side went through the phases at every opportunity in the third quarter but the Puddletown defence coped and, importantly turned over possession on several occasions, thanks in the main to Green and Watts.

Turnover possession certainly leaves the opposition open to the counter attack, and Puddletown countered well.

House was first to profit after he had been put clear by Yeatman. Then prop Michael-Beale came into the line and outran the cover (props should not do that sort of thing). His try secured the bonus point and, although they were winning the territorial battle, North Dorset were still vulnerable to the counter and, in the final quarter, both Hiscock and Udell touched down. Yeatman converted Udell's try to complete the scoring and, although winning the territorial battle overall, North Dorset ended the day well beaten.

WARMINSTER 15 WEYMOUTH 14

WEYMOUTH will not look back on this encounter with overmuch affection.

After a bright enough start, they were awarded a penalty in front of the home posts only to see the place kick rebound from an upright.

Things went downhill thereafter for the home side went straight upfield and converted a penalty award of their own to lead 3-0.

Weymouth were lacking any sort of rhythm at this stage and Warminster added a converted try to their total before the break and led 10-0 at the halfway stage.

Strong words were digested with the oranges however and Weymouth responded with a good third quarter during which time they reduced the arrears with a Wilson try after he had followed a Sheppard grubber. Sheppard added the extras and converted the next try also. This was touched down by Julian Quick after a successful catch and drive at a lineout.

Weymouth were on top now at 10-14, and dominated the final few minutes. They got over the home line only to be held up and knocked on a scoring pass with the line at their mercy. They then possibly became a little over expansive, threw a speculative pass that was intercepted and although they caught the runner just short of their own line, he recycled and Warminster scored an unconverted try out wide with a few minutes left to edge to the narrowest of wins.

It was not a good day for Weymouth on other fronts. They lost McCorniche with a pulled muscle in the warm up, and both Morris and Hughes were forced to leave the field with injuries. Not a good day at the office all round!

FORDINGBRIDGE 15 WEYMOUTH 2nd 0

THE Weymouth second side were decimated by first team calls for this long journey and included no less than eight debutants for this Dorset & Wilts League Division Two (South) encounter.

Although they had the lion's share of possession and territory during the first period, with lock Andrew Bowditch to the fore, and both flankers, Paul Westwood and Sean Murphy going well, they lacked cohesion and could not cross the whitewash.

In fact they fell behind to a converted try after an interception and this, together with a penalty goal, kicked in the final minutes of the half, meant that they trailed 10-0 at the halfway stage.

The home side were a well drilled outfit and, in the second half they stuck the ball up their jumpers, employing the pick and drive to very good effect. Weymouth were forced to live of scraps of possession and found it difficult to get back into contention in spite of the efforts of full back Almond and winger Billie Hayne.

Their only score in the second period was a home unconverted try as Fordingbridge ran the clock down.

Saturday last was not a good day for the Weymouth club all round, for their third side came second to Dorchester thirds by twenty two points to five.

PREVIEW

THERE is not a lot of rugby taking place locally over the festive period.

The last two Saturdays in December are blank, but some clubs do have a festive gallop on Boxing Day.

Weymouth will have an inter club game before all repair to the bar, but I do not think that much will happen at either Dorchester or Bridport.

Puddletown for their part, have a traditional Town v Country game, kicking off at 11.30, with all comers, including visitors welcome.

For many players however, the next three weeks will serve to give their bumps and bruises a chance to heal in readiness for the second half of the league season that recommences on the 7th of January.

For my part, I shall be able, for the next two Saturday's anyway, to enjoy a leisurely lunch without having to charge off to treat the touchlines.

A very merry Christmas to both my readers!

Dorchester Colts 15 Sherborne 23

THE proverbial games of two halves, with the difference being that Sherborne were able to bring at least four county players into the game at half-time.

The hosts had the better of the first period and looked the more confident of the two sides with ball in hand. Both teams missed early penalty opportunities.

With a slightly makeshift pack Dorchester were imposing themselves at the breakdown where Max Ford and Josh Hosford caused problems for the opposition with some strong rucking.

A big up and under from the impressive Max Buckler was chased down by Harry Smith causing the Sherborne full-back to fumble the ball which bounced kindly for Smith and off load to Will Holmes who put replacement wing Harry Charlier clean through for the first score of the game.

Dorchester then mounted a multi-phase attack before a series of rucks on Sherborne's five metre line ended with John Bowden spotting a gap and crashing over the line. Smith added the extras for the conversion. Sherborne added a further penalty to trail 12-6 at the break.

The second-half saw the visitors bring on their big guns and this change swung the game their way, although despite this their only reward was a further three points, before Smith restored the home sides six point lead shortly afterwards.

The home side had to defend hard and this inevitably led to a series of penalties.

Deciding to exert pressure Sherborne turned down the offer of 3 points and kicked for touch. A driving maul from the ensuing lineout and a couple more drives saw Sherborne deservedly get a converted score.

The visitors did get another converted score to close the game out and were just worthy victors.

Bridport Colts 29 Ivel Barbarians 0

BRIDPORT started the game at a furious pace and were soon on the scoreboard with the first of their five tries.

A dummy run by James Bowditch created space and the ball was moved out to Clarence Fung on the left wing who made a good run and although stopped short of the line popped the ball out of the tackle to Will Haggerty who scored in the corner, Luke King added the touchline conversion.

The blues second try came soon after when Tyler Adams cleaned up a spilled pass and charged forward. Again the ball was recycled quickly and King timed his pass perfectly to put Haggerty in space to round the defence and score under the posts, King again adding the extras.

They completed their hat-trick of first-half tries shortly before the break when Bowditch made a good break before passing to Fung who scored in the corner.

After the break Ivel were reduced to 14 players but Bridport were slow to catch on that they would always have an overlap if they moved the ball wide, and persisted in driving forward close to the breakdown. Indeed their next try was a forwards as Bowditch charged over from close range.

Midway through the half Mike Holden rounded the defence and although tackled, could still just reach out to the line for the final try.

Rugby extras: All Saints take Year 9 county title at Weymouth RFC



■ CHAMPIONS: All Saints School, Weymouth.

■ WEYMOUTH'S All Saints School swept aside all five rivals to win the Dorset Year 9 Schools title at the recent rugby festival held at Weymouth Rugby Club.

They scored 77 points in their five victories beating The Sir John Colfox School who won three of their five games into second place.

The Bridport school took the runners-up spot from Gillingham who also won three matches by virtue of scoring 55 points against their North Dorset rivals 27.

Blandford finished fourth with two wins with Shaftesbury and Wey Valley, who both won one game tied for fifth place.

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■ RUNNERS-UP: Colfox School, Bridport.

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INSIDE: West Dorset football round-up

Magpies look to continue climb : Bees must improve

ALL THREE local senior sides will be looking to consolidate their positions over the festive period.

Weymouth boosted by their 2-1 home win over Bashley on Saturday face a tough run of four away games once the New Year is here and so will be looking at the next three to move up the Evo-Stick South Premier League.

On Boxing Day they travel to Frome Town who are immediately above them in 13th place before hosting St Albans City, who whilst sit eleventh with two more points, have played three more games than the Terras, on New Year's Eve.

Whilst third place AFC Totton at the Bob Lucas Stadium on January 2nd looks a tougher fixture, the did beat the Stags in the FA Trophy in October having lost controversially the week before in the FA Cup to the Hampshire side.

They should have Alex Jeannin available for these games which with the arrival of James Coutts should strengthen Brendon King's charges.

Dorchester go into the festive double header with Salisbury City on the back of a nine match unbeaten run.

Only a stoppage time equaliser prevented them taking all three points at third placed Dartford on Saturday.

The Magpies have certainly become a resilient and confident side since caretakers Phil Simkin and Mark Jermyn took over in October, and subsequently under new boss Alan Knight.

The Magpies good run of results has seen them climb to seventh in the Blue Square South although they have played more games than the other clubs, whilst Salisbury

By Stuart Broom

City have lost six of their last seven league matches.

However their performances in cup competitions, where they have reached the third round of the FA Cup, where they will face npower League 1 side Sheffield United at Bramall Lane, and the second round of the FA Trophy, suggests they are a side to be wary of.

Knight told **VIEW SPORT**: "Local derbies are always difficult and playing them twice in such a short period will make it interesting."

"Salisbury also have a big FA Cup match a few days after the second game so maybe their minds might be on other things."

"Being at home in the first game on Boxing Day, we want to get a

positive result and hope that we can pick up at least a point away.

"It won't be easy but we will be looking to take four points from the two games, as I am sure Salisbury will be also."

Bridport's match at Bristol Manor Farm was postponed last Saturday due to a combination of a water-logged pitch and a saturated bottom goalmouth that froze overnight at The Creek.

The Bees still sit fourth from bottom in the Toolstation Western League Premier Division, and despite their recent poor run of results remain eight points from safety, mainly because the sides below have not been able to improve on their results.

Manager Trevor Senior is not overly concerned about the form of his team, but is aware that almost any mistakes in defence are pun-

ished at this level, and that it is important to take goalscoring opportunities which are at a premium in the higher league.

However he will want his side to improve on their current form of just one win and four losses in their last six league games, and his side face a potential six-pointer on Boxing Day when they face bottom side Sherborne Town (ko 1pm).

The Bees lost to their North Dorset neighbours at the beginning of November in the Dorset Senior Cup, suffering a 4-0 home defeat in a lack-lustre performance, and Senior will want his charges fired up to ensure there is no repetition.

From one extreme to the other, the Bees then travel to league leaders Willand Rovers on January 2nd.



■ **AIMING HIGH:** Dorchester Town striker Ben Dickenson has been one of the stars of the first-half of the season.

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